

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS **Summer - 2004**

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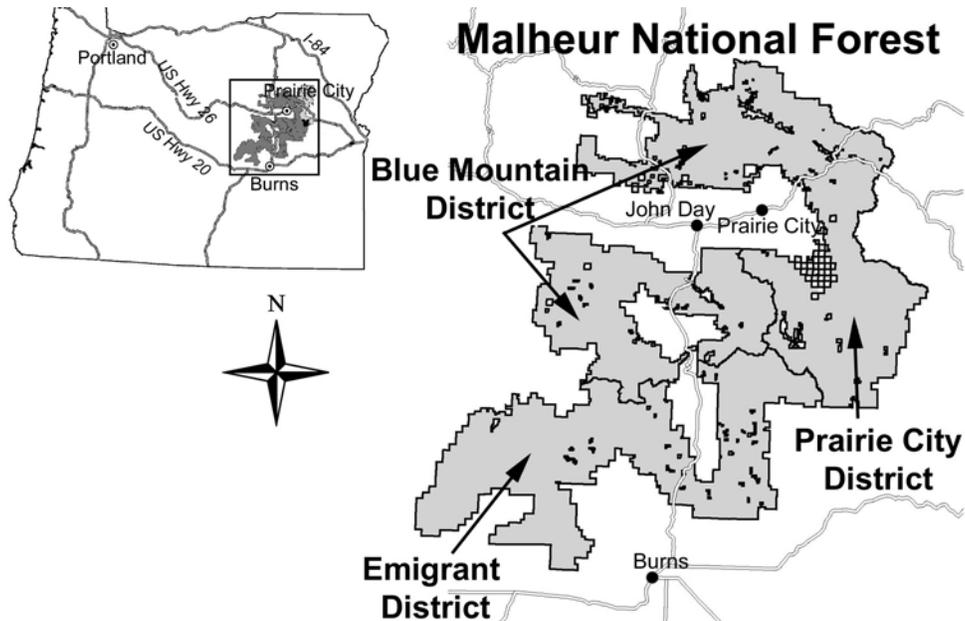
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All of the proposed projects listed in this schedule will result in decisions based on an environmental analysis and environmental documentation. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires proposed Federal actions be disclosed to the public early on; this is your opportunity to get involved!

- **Categorical Exclusion (CE)** - A disclosure document for minor projects that have no significant effect on the environment. A Decision Memo (DM) documents Categorical Exclusion decisions.
- **Environmental Assessment (EA)** - A disclosure document that evaluates alternative actions and their short/long term environmental effects which include physical, biological, economic, social, and ecological factors. A Decision Notice (DN) documents Environmental Assessment decisions.
- **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** - A statement of the environmental effects of a proposed action and alternatives to it. Required for major Federal actions. A Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register is the official start of scoping for an EIS. A Draft EIS (DEIS) is an interim opportunity to review our analysis and opportunities prior to the Final EIS (FEIS). The Record of Decision (ROD) documents FEIS decisions.

District Locations:



Status

- **Scoping** – The procedure for identification of important issues and extent of necessary analysis. This is the initial phase of public involvement in an environmental analysis process.
- **Analysis** – The investigation of a proposed action, its alternatives and the environmental impacts in order to make an informed decision.
- **Decision** – A formal environmental decision document (Decision Memo (DM) for CE's, Decision Notice (DN) for EA's, or Record of Decision (ROD) for EIS's).

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Blue Mountain Ranger District

Ecosystem Restoration

2150 Road Fire Salvage

Pam Uebler (541) 575-3338 **NEPA CE** **Location** Tex Creek subwatershed, T15S, R29E, Sec 6. **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Salvage of dead and dying trees on approximately 14 acres of a 46 acre lightning-caused fire area. Treatment would include removal of roadside hazard trees both above and below Forest Service Road 2150 and cutting of fire killed or damaged trees which can fall on the adjacent fence lines.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Blue Aspen Restoration

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 **NEPA CE** **Location** Vincent and Vinegar watersheds, T10-11S, R34-35E. **Decision** 12-31-2004

Description

Aspen restoration including conifer cutting and removal and fencing.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Canyon Creek Wildland Urban Interface

James Kelly (541) 575-3020 **NEPA EA** **Location** Canyon Creek watershed. **Decision** 12-31-2004

Description

Contracted analysis of timber stand exams, fuel loadings, and NEPA analysis of treatment around private land with possibly prescribed burning and mechanical treatments. Decision may include commercial timber sales, other forest products harvesting, and service contracts. All treatments are for reducing fire hazards and improving forest health and sustainability.

Status

Scoping.

This project is a Healthy Forest Restoration Act project.

County Road 18 Roadside Hazard Tree Removal

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 **NEPA CE** **Location** From Forest Boundary in the Bear Creek drainage to the Forest Boundary in the Long Creek drainage. **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 15 miles along County Road 18.

Status

Scoping.

Forest Roads 3940, 3945, & 3947 Roadside Hazard Tree Removal

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 **NEPA CE** **Location** Long Creek and Beech Creek drainages. **Decision** 12-31-2004

Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 15 miles along FR 3940, 3945, & 3947

Status

Scoping.

Blue Mountain Ranger District

Ecosystem Restoration

Crawford Aspen Enhancement

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed. **Decision** 12-31-2004

Description

Aspen restoration including conifer cutting and removal, aspen cutting to enhance sprouting, and fencing, caging, and planting of aspen at one site.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Forest Road 31 Road Side Hazard Tree Removal

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 NEPA CE

Location The junction with County Road 63 south to the junction with Forest Road 37. **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 15 miles of Forest Road 31.

Status

Scoping.

Highway 395 and Forest Road 3925 Roadside Hazard Tree Removal

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 NEPA CE

Location State Highway 395 from Vance Creek to Swick Creek and along Forest Road 3925 from the junction with 395 east to the junction of Forest Road 15. **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 7 miles along State Highway 395 and about 13 miles along Forest Road 3925.

Status

Scoping.

Blackeye Trail Sensitive Plant Enclosure

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

Location Blackeye Creek, John Day watershed. **Decision** 12-31-2004

Description

Construct a barrier fence around a sensitive plant site to exclude livestock.

Status

Scoping.

Crawford Vegetation Management

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 NEPA EIS

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed, T10-12S, R34-36E. **Decision** 09-30-2005

Description

Ecosystem restoration: prescribed burning, commercial (Craw Timber Sale) and pre-commercial thinning, identify replacement old-growth areas, road management plan (including construction and decommissioning).

Status

Analysis.

Fire

Antelope Prescribed Underburn

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA EA

Location East Bear Valley, Antelope Creek, and Soda Valley sub-watersheds. **Decision** 09-30-2004

Description

Prescribed underburn.

Status

Analysis.

Blue Mountain Ranger District

Fire

Crawford Pre-commercial Thinning

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

Description

Thinning of small trees and treatment of project-created fuels.

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River Watershed.

Decision 09-30-2004

Status

Analysis.

Crawford Prescribed Burn

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

Description

Prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels.

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River Watershed.

Decision 09-30-2004

Status

Analysis.

Indian Rock Lookout Outhouse Replacement

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

Description

Replacement of the outhouse at the Indian Rock Lookout.

Location Big Creek watershed, T.9S., R.33E., Section 25.

Decision 07-07-2004

Status

Decision.

Other

Long Creek Mountain Communications Site

Juan Vargas/Carl Stout (541) 575-3196 NEPA CE

Description

Forest Service replacement of existing communications facilities.

Location Smith Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R30E, Sec 35.

Decision 09-30-2004

Status

Scoping.

Range

Middle Fork Grazing Allotment Management Plan (AMP)

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA EIS

Description

Analysis of grazing allotments and NEPA analysis on Federal land with possibly prescribed burning and mechanical treatments. The decision may include No Action, No Grazing Alternatives.

Location Middle Fork John Day River.

Decision 03-31-2005

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Lower Middle Fork Corral

Carol Slater (541) 575-3362 NEPA CE

Description

Construction of corral for the Lower Middle Fork and Camp Creek allotments.

Location Camp Creek Watershed.

Decision 12-31-2004

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Idaho Creek Fence & Water Development

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

Description

Install a fence around the lower portion of Idaho Creek in order to manage it as a separate unit, allowing for more intensive management. Construct 3 miles of fence and install 3 cattle guards.

Location Idaho and Crawford Creeks, Upper Middle Fork John Day River.

Decision 12-31-2004

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Blue Mountain Ranger District

Range

Long Creek Allotment Improvement Project

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Long Creek sub-watershed and tributaries in Camp Creek sub-watershed.

Description

Seven water developments (spring protection and water trough installation) would be created and three non-functioning developments would be reconstructed to improve distribution of cattle into upland areas, springs, and streams.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Reynolds Creek Fence

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Reynolds Creek, Upper John Day River watershed.

Description

Build three miles of fence and install cattle guard, reconfiguring the Reynolds Creek Allotment. This subdivision will allow for further control of permitted livestock grazing and potential rest on approximately 16,000 acres of land including stream habitat for steelhead, bull trout, and cutthroat trout.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Rock Springs Division Fence Sugarloaf Allotment

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Wickiup and Canyon Creeks.

Description

Construction of approximately three miles of fence and installation of two cattle guards to split the Rock Springs Pasture. This subdivision will enable the implementation of rotational grazing and allow the future control of timing, duration, and intensity of livestock use on these pastures.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Rock Springs Water Development Sugarloaf Allotment

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Wickiup and Canyon Creeks.

Description

Project includes development of a new water source and reconstruction of four existing ones in the Rock Springs Pasture.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Rosebud Allotment Improvement

Brian Hoefling (541) 575-3364 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location T16-17S, R27-28E.

Description

Development of 10 spring facilities, riparian/aspen enclosure fencing.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Scotty Allotment Improvement

Brian Hoefling (541) 575-3364 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location T16-18S, R29-30E.

Description

Development of 25 spring facilities, fencing to subdivide two pastures.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Corridor Fence-Coxie Creek

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

Decision 06-02-2004
Location Camp Creek watershed.

Description

Construct corridor fences on sensitive, low productive areas of Coxie Creek (approximately one mile) to protect the stream and riparian area.

Status

Decision.

Blue Mountain Ranger District

Range

Lower Middle Fork Fences **Decision** 09-30-2004
Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 **NEPA CE** **Location** Granite Boulder, Sunshine, & Dunsten Creeks
Deep, and Elk Creeks,
Deep, Dry, Wray, Beaver & Myrtle Creeks.
Lower Middle Fork John Day River.

Description

In the Balance Area Pasture, add pasture north of river, Granite Boulder, to allow for rotational grazing.
In the Susanville Area Pasture, construct a fence to separate the new Susanville area from the Big Creek Area.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Roads/Access

Gate Location Forest Road 2140 **Decision** 09-30-2004
Mike Montgomery (541) 575-3401 **NEPA CE** **Location** Forest Road 2140.

Description

A new gate would replace three existing gates. It would involve relocating the new gate approximately one mile from existing closure.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Recreation

CXT Toilet Placement at Magone Campground **Decision** 09-15-2004
Linda Batten (541) 575-3433 **NEPA CE** **Location** Magone Campground

Description

Three CXT toilets would replace 3 existing composting toilets. Two CXT toilets would be replaced in the campground and one at the day use/beach site.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Soil/Watershed

Bald Hills Erosion Control **Decision** 09-30-2004
Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 **NEPA CE** **Location** Jack Creek sub-watershed.

Description

Place woody material, including brush and small logs, by hand on approximately 3-5 acres to reduce surface erosion.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Bridge/Lunch Creek Culvert Replacement **Decision** 09-30-2004
Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 **NEPA CE** **Location** Upper Middle Fork John Day watershed.

Description

Replace five culverts on Bridge, Lunch, and South Fork Bridge Creeks and related work.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Blue Mountain Ranger District *Soil/Watershed*

Camp Watershed Culvert Replacement - Lower Beaver Creek

Decision 09-30-2004

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

Location Camp Watershed in the Middle Fork John Day sub-basin.

Description

Replace culvert and improve irrigation diversion on Beaver Creek at Forest road 2000-018.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Camp Watershed Culvert Replacement-Oxbow Tributaries

Decision 09-30-2004

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

Location Camp Watershed in the Middle Fork John Day sub-basin.

Description

Replace 5-10 culverts on tributaries that drain into the Oxbow Ranch and related work.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Special Uses

Outfitter Guide Special Use Permits

Decision 09-30-2004

Shannon Winegar (541) 575-3000 NEPA CE

Location Various Locations on District.

Description

Annual Permit Issuance.

Status

Analysis.

Aldrich Mountain Communications Site

Decision 12-31-2004

Carl Stout (541) 575-3702 NEPA CE

Location Lower Murderer's Creek watershed. T.14S, R.27E, Section 11.

Description

Continued use of existing radio equipment in the BLM lookout. Scoping/Analysis.

Status

Analysis.

Fall Mountain Communications Site

Decision 7-2004

Carl Stout (541) 575-3702 NEPA CE

Location Upper Silvies River. T.15S, R.31E, Section 6.

Description

New private use of Forest Service communication site.

Status

Decision.

Road Access

Decision 12-31-2004

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Location Slide Creek sub-watershed, T9S, R31E, Sec 27.

Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Spring Development

Decision 07-30-2004

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Location Jack Creek sub-watershed, T14S, R32E, Section 13.

Description

Continued use of existing spring development facilities for stock water.

Status

Decision

Blue Mountain Ranger District *Special Uses*

Spring Development

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Big Creek watershed, Mosquito/Bear Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R32E Sections 12 & 14.

Description

Continued use of existing spring development facilities for domestic use.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Access Road

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Smith Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R30E, Sec 34.

Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

Status

Analysis.

Access Road

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 08-31-2004
Location Wiley Creek sub-watershed, T12S, R30E, Sec 6.

Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Access Road

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Big Creek SW T9S, R32E, Sec 14.

Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Liquid Waste Disposal Site (Septic System)

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 08-31-2004
Location Laycock Creek watershed, T14S, R30E, Sec 26.

Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Sno-Tel Gauging Stations

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Several locations throughout the Forest.

Description

Continued use by the Natural Resource Conservation Service of existing sno-tel winter monitoring stations.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Stock Pile Site

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Van Aspen creek sub-watershed, T15S, R31E, Section 31.

Description

Continued use of a commercial gravel stockpile site.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Vegetation

Blue Riparian Hardwood Planting and Restoration

James Kelly (541) 575-3320 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Riparian areas in Vincent and Vinegar sub-watersheds, T10-11S, R34-35E.

Description

Shrub and hardwood tree planting with caging fencing.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Blue Mountain Ranger District

Vegetation

Crawford Conifer Removal from Meadow Areas

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed.

Description

Removal of conifers encroaching into meadows.

Status

Analysis.

Crawford Hardwood Protection and Planting

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004

Location Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed.

Description

Caging, fencing, and placement of slash barriers around hardwoods to protect them from browsing. Slash barriers to be obtained from cutting of nearby junipers. Planting/protection of native riparian hardwoods at one site.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Flagtail Aspen Enhancement

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

Decision 07-9-2004

Location Upper Silvies watershed.

Description

Fence an estimated 270 acres of aspen to protect them from browsing. Fence materials could be obtained from cutting of nearby competing conifers. Activities include felling snags and trees that might damage fences build around aspen; small sale to remove trees less than 21" diameter within aspen fencing to improve aspen regeneration; slash treatment; and relocation of water developments outside of fence.

Status

Decision

Harper Lodgepole Project

Mark Mosley (541) 575-3337 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-04

Location Harper Meadow (Long Creek), Camp Creek watershed.

Description

Removal of post and pole size lodgepole through commercial and personal use post and pole removal to reduce the chances of future mortality in these stands from bark beetle attacks.

Status

Analysis

Foster Lodgepole Project

Mark Mosley (541) 575-3337 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-04

Location Antelope and Pole creeks, Bear Creek watershed.

Description

Removal of post and pole size lodgepole through personal use to reduce the chances of future mortality in these stands from bark beetle attacks.

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Emigrant Creek Ranger District

Ecosystem Restoration

Dairy EA

George Wynn (541) 575-4300 NEPA EA

Decision 03-01-2005
Location Nicoll/Dairy Creeks, T10-22S, R24-25E.

Description

Timber harvest and road closures.

Status
 Analysis.

Dairy CE's

George Wynn (541) 575-4300 NEPA CE's

Decision 10-01-2004
Location Nicoll/Dairy Creeks, T10-22S, R24-25E.

Description

Understory thinning, prescribed burning, aspen stand improvement, culvert replacement, 4510 road recondition and other watershed improvement projects.

Status
 Analysis.

Juniper Reduction Project

George Wynn (541) 573-4363 NEPA CE

Decision 08-30-2004
Location T.19S., R.26E., and T.20S., R.26E.

Description

Reduction of juniper trees. Juniper may be available for commercial products.

Status
 Scoping/Analysis.

2003 Plantation Thinning

George Wynn (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Decision 07-02-2004
Location Various locations west of Emigrant Creek on Emigrant Creek Ranger District.

Description

Pre-commercial thinning of plantations.

Status
 Decision.

2004 Plantation Thinning

George Wynn (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Decision 12-30-2004
Location Various locations east of Emigrant Creek on Emigrant Creek Ranger District.

Description

Pre-commercial thinning of plantations.

Status
 Analysis

Emigrant Project

Lori Bailey (541) 573-4366 NEPA EA

Decision 12-30-2005
Location Emigrant Watershed, Blue Creek, Whiskey Creek, and Spring Valley/Foundation Canyon. T18S., R.27E.; T.19S., R27-28E.; T.20S., R.27-28E.

Description

Vegetation and watershed restoration projects, including thinning, road closures and decommissioning, prescribed burning, and riparian and fisheries enhancement. Emigrant Timber Sale.

Status
 Analysis.

Emigrant Creek Ranger District

Fire

Hazard Tree Reduction Project

George Wynn (541) 573-4363 NEPA CE

Location Forest Road 43 and other main roads.

Decision 09-30-2004

Description

Removal of hazard trees along Forest Road 43 and other main travel roads on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Salt Canyon Underburn

Jeremy Sisneros (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Location T20S, R26-27E.

Decision 12-31-2004

Description

Prescribed burning.

Status

Data collection/Scoping.

Fish/Wildlife

Emigrant Creek and Burnt Cabin Culvert Replacements

Rick Vetter (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Location Burnt Cabin and Emigrant Creeks, in the Emigrant Creek watershed.

Decision 04-09-2004

Description

Removal and replacement of 2 culverts currently blocking fish passage in the upper Emigrant Creek drainage.

Status

Decision.

Corral Creek Fence and Stream Work

Jim Walker (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Location Corral Creek, South Fork John Day River Sub-Watershed.

Decision 12-31-2004

Description

Fence construction on Corral Creek and other restoration projects.

Status

Data collection/Scoping/Analysis.

Range

Whiskey Creek Exclosure Fence

Jim Walker (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Location Whiskey Creek - Emigrant Creek watershed.

Decision 06-01-2004

Description

Exclosure fence on Whiskey Creek.

Status

Decision.

Blue Creek Spring Redevelopment

L. Zelle (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Location Blue Creek T. 20 S., R. 28 E., Section 9.

Decision 07-01-2004

Description

Reconstruct fence around spring, replace headbox and relocate trough.

Status

Scoping/Data Collection/ Analysis

House Creek Grazing AMP

L. Zelle/Jim Campbell (541) 573-4335 NEPA EA

Location House Creek Allotment District. T.18S., R.32E., Sections 1-3, 10-15, 22 & 23.

Decision 12-01-2004

Description

Development of an allotment management plan for House Creek Allotment.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Wolf/Van Grazing AMP

L. Zelle/ Jim Campbell (541) 573-4300 NEPA EA

Location The northeastern part of the Emigrant Creek Ranger District (Wolf Mtn, Cougar Flat, and Frazier PT areas), T17-18S, R32-33 1/2E.

Decision 12-01-2005

Description

Development of an allotment management plan for the Wolf Mountain, Van, and West Malheur allotments.

Status

Scoping/Data Collection.

Emigrant Creek Ranger District

Range

Malheur River Trail (Hog Flat) Head Fence

Jim Walker (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Description

Drift fence at Hog Flat Trailhead on Malheur River.

Decision 3-19-2004
Location Hog Flat Trailhead Malheur River.

Status
Decision.

Recreation

Delintment Lake CXT Toilet Replacement

Lori Bailey (541) 573-4300 NEPA CE

Description

Replace six existing toilet facilities with two double CXT Toilets.

Decision 6-1-2004
Location Delintment Lake Campground.

Status
Decision.

Special Uses

Outfitter/Guide Special Use Permits

Brenda Schwartz (541) 573-4342 NEPA CE

Description

Annual issuance of 2-3 permits.

Decision 08-03-2003
Location Various locations on Emigrant Creek Ranger District.

Status
Decision.

Special Uses

Yellowjacket Domestic Spring Development

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

Decision 10-30-2004
Location Yellowjacket Creek sub-watershed at Yellowjacket Lake, T19S, R29E, Section 29.

Status
Analysis.

Roads/Access

Calamity/Dry Mountain Lookout Roads

Lori Bailey (541) 575-3140 NEPA EA

Description

Road reconstruction, realignment

Decision 12-30-2004
Location Calamity and Dry Mountain Lookout Roads.

Status
Scoping/Data Collection.

Allison/Crow Flat Guard Stations Fuel Tank Project

Lori Bailey (541) 575-3140 NEPA CE

Description

Pour concrete pads for new fuel tanks at Allison and Crowflat Guard Stations.

Decision 08-30-2004
Location Allison Guard Station, T19S, R26E, Section 15.
Crowflat Guard Station, T20S, R31E, Section 13

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Prairie City Ranger District

Ecosystem Restoration

Easy Fire Recovery

Eric Ornberg or Bart Landers(541) 820-3800 NEPA EIS

Decision 09-13-2004
Location Upper Middle Fork John Day River watershed.

Description

Analysis of the Easy Fire located in the Upper Middle Fork John Day River watershed. Major analysis drainages are Clear Creek and Easy Creek. A portion of the Easy Fire is also located in the Upper John Day River watershed. Major analysis drainage is Mossy Gulch. Analysis will consider salvage of dead and dying trees, and other vegetation management and restoration opportunities including road closure and obliteration.

Status

Preparation of Final EIS and Record of Decision

High Roberts Fire Salvage

Bart Landers (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Lake Creek drainage, Upper Malheur River watershed.

Description

Salvage of dead and dying trees.

Status

Post fire data collection, scoping.

Fire

Crane Prairie Administrative Fuels Reduction

Lance Delgado (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Crane Prairie Guard Station Administrative Site, Upper North Fork Malheur watershed.

Description

Fuels reduction in the Crane Prairie Guard Station Administrative Site. Objective is to reduce fuel loading to provide fire protection to buildings and improvements.

Status

Scoping.

North Fork Malheur Prescribed Fuels Reduction Project

Lance Delgado (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 07-07-2004
Location Upper North Fork of the Malheur River watershed, T16S, R35E, T17S, R36E.

Description

Fuels reduction.

Status

Decision.

Prairie City Ranger District

Fire

16 - Road Fuels

Lance Delgado (541) 820-3802 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location East of Crane-Prairie Guard Station (Halfway Creek area), Upper North Fork Malheur watershed.

Description

Fuels reduction. Objective is to reduce fuel loading and continuity along the 16 road corridor.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Pine Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Lance Delgado (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Strawberry Creek watershed, John Day River sub-basin.

Description

Fuels reduction on National Forest Lands in the Pine Creek and Indian Creek drainages adjacent to private lands. Objective is to reduce fuel loading and continuity to reduce the risk of wildfire to private property and the environment.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Recreation

Huddleston Snowpark Groomer Shed

Shannon Winegar (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location County Road 62, John Day Summit.

Description

Construction of a facility to store a snow groomer at Huddleston Snowpark.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Huddleston Snowpark Expansion

Shannon Winegar (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location County Road 62, near Summit Prairie.

Description

Overflow snowmobile parking at the old truck barn site and toilet installation

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Sheep Creek Trail

Ryan Falk (541) 575-3140 NEPA CE

Decision 06-21-2004
Location Upper North Fork Malheur River watershed, T15S, R35 1/2E.

Description

Upgrading the existing trail through maintenance/reconstruction/or relocation to meet safety and fish habitat needs.

Status

Decision.

Soil/Watershed

Logan Valley Spring Development

Ryan Falk (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Decision 10-31-2004
Location Upper Malheur watershed, Lake Creek sub-watershed.

Description

Spring development in Logan Valley to provide a water source for cattle.

Status

Analysis.

Prairie City Ranger District
Soil/Watershed

Bridge/Lunch Creek Culvert Replacement

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

Location Upper Middle Fork John Day watershed.

Decision 06-30-2004

Description

Replace five culverts on Bridge, Lunch, and South Fork Bridge Creeks and related work; same project as described for Blue Mtn District.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Range

Rattlesnake Fence Construction

Ryan Falk (541) 575 - 3000 NEPA CE

Location T16S, R35E, Section 25, 26; T17S, R35E, Section 1.

Decision 06-16-2004

Description

Construction of a 4 miles of new fence along the Wild and Scenic River boundary

Status

Decision.

Reynolds Allotment Fence Construction

Sue Burton (541) 575 - 3000 NEPA CE

Location Reynolds Allotment, Reynolds Cr. subwatershed, Upper John Day R. watershed.

Decision 09-30-2004

Description

Fence construction

Status

Scoping/Analysis

2002 Fire Allotment Fence Repair

Sue Burton (541) 820 - 3800 NEPA CE or EA

Location Monument Rock Wilderness Area

Decision 09-30-2004

Description

Repair of fences damaged by the 2002 Monument Fire

Status

Scoping/Analysis

Logan Valley Water Developments

Shannon Britt/Brooks Smith (541) 820 - 3800 NEPA CE

Location Logan Valley Allotment; T16S, R33 1/2E, Sections 14, 15, 22, 23.

Decision 06-30-2005

Description

Construction of water sources

Status

Scoping/Analysis

Special Uses

Austin House – Septic System

Shannon Winegar (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Location Upper Middle Fork watershed, Clear Creek sub-watershed.

Decision 07-21-2004

Description

Reconstruction of existing septic system

Status

Analysis.

Austin House Special Use Permit

Shannon Winegar (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Location Upper Middle Fork watershed, Clear Creek sub-watershed.

Decision 08-15-2004

Description

Issuance of a long term special use permit

Status

Analysis.

Outfitter Guide Special Use Permits

Shannon Winegar (541) 820-3800 NEPA CE

Location Various Locations on District.

Decision 09-30-2004

Description

Annual Permit Issuance.

Status

Analysis.

Prairie City Ranger District

Special Uses

Domestic Spring Development

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

Decision 07-30-2004
Location Pine Creek Sub-watershed, T.14S, R.32E.,
Section 13.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Domestic Spring Development

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Indian Creek sub-watershed, T14S, R33E,
Section 24.

Status

Analysis.

Hydro Power Development

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

Decision 12-31-2004
Location Indian Creek sub-watershed, T14S, R33E,
Section 24.

Status

Analysis.

Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

Summer 2004

Legend for NEPA Documents:

CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS

EA = Environmental Assessment

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

*All future dates are approximate
and represent only best estimates.*

Supervisors Office

Lands

Blue Mountain Land Exchange

Jean Lavell (541) 523-1230 NEPA EIS

Decision 8-01-2005
Location Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts.

Description

Three-Forest land exchange involving numerous parcels of both federal and private lands.

Status

Developing Alternatives, Draft EIS due Fall 2004.

Recreation

Recreation Site Water Developments

Steve Cossette (541) 575-3092 NEPA CE

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Magone and Parish Cabin campgrounds.

Description

Water system repair and maintenance at the Magone and Parish Cabin campgrounds. Scoping/Analysis.

Status

Roads/Access

Camp Creek Bridge Deck Replacement Projects

Bill Supulski (541) 575-3140 NEPA CE

Decision 07-16-2004
Location Camp Creek Bridge, T10S, R32N, Section 35. Meadow Bridge, T10S, R33E, Section 19.

Description

Replacement of bridge deck.

Status

Decision

Camp Creek and Meadow Bridge Reconstruction Projects

Bill Supulski (541) 575-3140 NEPA EA

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Camp Creek Bridge, T10S, R32N, Section 35. Meadow Bridge, T10S, R33E, Section 19.

Description

Repair of abutments on two wooden bridges on Forest Roads 36 and 3690.

Status

Analysis.

Allison Guard Station Improvement Project

Bill Supulski (541) 575-3140 NEPA EA

Decision 09-30-2004
Location Allison Guard Station, T19S, R26E, Section 15.

Description

Several site improvement projects including building upgrades and water system upgrades at the Allison Guard Station.

Status

Analysis.

Supervisors Office
Special Uses

Buried Communication Lines

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Location Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts, Upper John Day and Upper Middle Fork John Day watersheds.

Decision 12-31-2004

Description

Continued use of existing buried communication lines.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Transmission Lines - Electrical

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

Location Forest-wide.

Decision 12-31-2004

Description

Continued use by OTEC of existing electrical power lines.

Status

Scoping/Analysis.

Vegetation

Invasive Plants

Eugene Skrine (503) 326-4310 NEPA EA

Location Pacific Northwest Region.

Decision 12-31-2004

Description

Environmental analysis to evaluate invasive plant prevention practices and management strategies.

Status

Draft EIS due March 2004.

Minerals

Rockpit

Wil Tay (503) 326-4310 NEPA CE

Location Savage Creek Rock Pit T11S, R35E, Sec 33, 34

Decision N/A

Description

Continued use of existing rockpit

Status

CE to be submitted by ODOT, reviewed by FS