



Umatilla National Forest

# Schedule of Proposed Activities Winter 2004

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## ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The Umatilla National Forest is involved in dozens of activities every year. The Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), published quarterly, makes it easier for you to keep track of and participate in our planning efforts. It lists all the projects we will be working on in the coming months. We will also provide updates on topics related to Forest Service planning. The schedule is updated every 3 months.

Notice that there is an asterisk (\*) beside some activities and others are underlined. An asterisk means an activity is in the schedule for the first time. Underlined words denote a change or addition to an activity listed in previous schedules.

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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Local/Legal Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>
Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) SNOTEL Permit	Issue special use permit to NRCS to operate and maintain the eight SNOTEL sites currently located on various Districts on the Umatilla National Forest.	1.5 ac. (approx. 0.2 acres per site)	T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 30; T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 30; T.2S., R.35E., Sec. 29; T.3S., R.32E., Sec. 28; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 9; T.9N., R.43E., Sec. 23; T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 31; T.7N., R.40E., Sec. 6	Scoping	Jeff Bloom
Blue Mountain Land Exchange EIS	Exchanging lands to consolidate ownership patterns on Federal and private lands. <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/planning/bmle">www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/planning/bmle</a>	20,570 ac of Federal land; 36,453 ac. of non-Federal land	Selected parcels in vicinity of Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests	<u>Amended Notice of Intent 2/04,</u> <u>Expect Draft EIS 6/04</u>	Jean Lavell 541-523-1230



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Rimrock Ecosystem Restoration Projects EIS	<u>The decision for the portion of the EIS that analyzed activities outside C3 Winter Range was signed on 5/12/03; and is currently being implemented. The EIS will be supplemented to support the decision on the remainder of the area.</u>	5,500 ac.	<u>Morrow, Wheeler, &amp; Grant Co. OR, T-5S., R.25-27E.; T.6S., R.25-27E.; T.7S., R-25-27E.</u>	<u>The decision on the portion of the area within C3 Winter Range will be made in Spring '04</u>	Dave Kendrick
Rocky Flat Springs Upland Water Source CE	Place a spring box at the spring source, place water trough downslope and away from the spring source, and build an enclosure around the spring source.	2 ½ ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.26E., Sec. 30 NE/SW; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 11 NE/SW; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 10 NW/SE; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 3 NE/SW	Scoping & Analysis, Expect Decision 4/04	Tom McLain
Bologna Basin Salvage EA	Salvage logging of severely defoliated stands caused by the 2001 Douglas-fir Tussock Moth outbreak. Commercially thin to improve or maintain forest health; lessen the likelihood of a high-intensity catastrophic fire; and reforest understocked areas for restoration of wildlife cover.	861 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.26E.	<u>In response to public comments, the EA is being revised and will be sent out for another 30-day review.</u>	Mike Burns
Mallory Noncommercial Thin CE	Noncommercial thinning of young conifer stands in order to improve tree health and growth.	1,028 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.25E., and R.29E.; T.6S., R.28E. and R.29E.	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision <u>7/04</u>	Sid High
Tupper Defensible Space Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce the risk of wildland fire to the Tupper Administrative Site and associated buildings while providing a safer environment for firefighters to take suppression actions. Fuels that contribute to crown fire development and movement would be reduced through vegetation manipulation of the undergrowth and thinning of the overstory.	167 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 4 and 9	<u>Decision Signed 10-16-03</u>	Doug Baxter
Black Mountain Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce existing fuels to a level that will not support a stand replacement wildfire using various treatment methods, such as: grapple piling, chipping, and skyline suspension systems, along with hand piling. Areas to be treated typically contain fuel amounts and arrangements that require treatment prior to the introduction of prescribed fire.	<u>842 acres</u>	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 14, 22, 23, 24; <u>27</u> ; T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 18 and 19	Scoping and Analysis. Expect <u>Decision 03/04</u>	Doug Baxter

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Shaw/Black Mountain Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Black Mountain and Shaw grade areas.	Approx. 300 ccf/150 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28&29E.	<u>Expect Decision</u> 04/04	Brian Spivey
Eastend Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Mallory and Potamus areas.	Approx. 250 ccf/125 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.28&29E.	<u>Expect Decision</u> 04/04	Brian Spivey
Wineland Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Long Prairie and The Notch areas.	Approx. 200 ccf/100 mbf	Wheeler Co. OR. T.6S., R.24E. & T.7S., R.23, 24, & 25E.	<u>Expect Decision</u> 04/04	Brian Spivey
Southern Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Bull Prairie, Wall Creek and Indian Creek areas.	Approx. 400 ccf/200 mbf	Grant & Wheeler Co. OR. T.7S., R.25, 26, and 27E.	<u>Expect Decision</u> 04/04	Brian Spivey
Alder Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Tupper and Alder Creek areas.	Approx. 400 ccf/200 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27&28E.	<u>Expect Decision</u> 04/04	Brian Spivey
Alder Creek Trailhead Maintenance CE	Construct a trail bridge to prevent the trail from crossing through the creek. Construct corrals within the dispersed camping area to replace existing corrals adjacent to the creek.	35'x6' .5 acres, .5 miles	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 2	<u>Expect Decision</u> 02/04	Lori Seitz
Penland Rehab CE	Restoration and fuels reduction in areas affected by the spruce budworm infestations during the late 1980's and early 1990's. Activities include fuels reduction to reduce fire risk (snags will either be grapple piled and burned or removed from the site as logs or chips). <u>Sanitation/salvage removal of incidental amounts of diseased and damaged trees.</u> Reforestation spot planting will occur in open areas after prescribed burning.	513 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 14, 24, 25, 28, and 29; T.5S., R.29E., Sec. 30	Scoping and Analysis	Michael Burns
Penland Lake Wildland/Urban Interface CE	Reduction of hazardous fuels (live & dead) that pose a direct threat to the summer homes in the Penland Lake area. Lessen the intensity and severity of wildfire by thinning, pruning and mechanically masticating live and dead fuels.	560 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 22 & 23	Scoping and analysis	Scott Wryn
Stalling Unit 1 Salvage CE	Salvage and thinning of trees affected by Douglas-fir tussock moth outbreaks in 2001-2002.	65 ac.	Wheeler Co. OR. T.8S., R.25E, Sec. 1, 2, 11, & 12	Scoping and Analysis. <u>Expect Decision</u> 1/04	Janet Stefani
John Day Basin Range Allotments EA	Develop Grazing Allotment Management Plans for the Hardman, Tamarack-Monument, and Little Wall Allotment areas.	98,499 acres	Morrow, Wheeler, and Grant Co. OR. T.5&6S., R.26-27E.; T.7&8S., R.25,26,&27E.	Scoping & Analysis	Janet Stefani

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Heppner Post and Poles <u>CE</u>	Provide post and poles to the public for personal or commercial use and to provide the Heppner Ranger District with post and poles for administrative use.	230 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 13; T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 31-32; T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 25; T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 12 & 13; T.5S., R.29E., sec. 5- 9, 12, 18-19	Scoping & Analysis. <u>Expect Decision 4/04</u>	Michael Burns
*Umatilla Amateur Radio Group Special Use Permit CE	Install and maintain communication equipment at the Black Mountain Communication site for radio coverage in the local area.	40 feet total height	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 14	Scoping and Analysis	Janet Stefani
*Morrow County Sheriff's Office Special Use Permit CE	Install and maintain communication equipment at Madison Butte Lookout to provide radio coverage in the OHV park and surrounding area.	20-foot antenna	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 29	Scoping and Analysis	Janet Stefani
*Rail Salvage Unit 1 CE	Removal of tussock moth dead and dying trees for the economic value. Burn and replant the area with more fire and insect resistant tree species.	42 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R. 27E., Sec. 20 and 21	Scoping and Analysis. <u>Expect Decision 2/04</u>	Janet Stefani
*McKenzie Thin CE	Commercial removal of densely overstocked dwarf mistletoe infected western larch stand. Non-commercial thinning and disposal of understory grand fir.	28 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.29E., Sec. 4	Scopy and Analysis. <u>Expect Decision 1/04</u>	Michael Burns
*Indian Creek Riparian Fence CE	Construct a 3-strand barbed wire fence using rockjack and steel post supports. Riparian pasture fence would facilitate better livestock distribution, thus aiding in the restoration of riparian vegetation.	6.5 miles	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.27E., Sec. 4, 5, 7, 8, 17; T.7S., R.27E., Sec. 33	Scoping and Analysis, <u>Expect Decision 3/04</u>	Tim Collins
*Upper Skookum EA	Mechanically treat and prescribed burn 1,540 acres of heavily loaded dead and down hazardous fuels.	1,540 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 28, 29, 32, & 33	Scoping and Analysis	Hank Falcon



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Buck Creek Underburn EA	Underburning portions/spots of approximately 5,280 acres to reduce risk of wildfire to the town of Granite, improve timber stand conditions, and improve the opportunity to implement prescribed fire within wilderness.	5,280 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.34, 35 E., 3 miles NW of Granite, OR	Expect Decision <u>Spring of 2004</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Wild West Fuels Reduction EA	Underburn approximately 29,000 acres of ponderosa pine and mixed conifer to reduce surface fuel loadings, improve wildlife forage, and reduce non-fire dependent tree species regeneration. Re-introduce low intensity fire into a fire dependent ecosystem on a 10-year average entry (rotation). (Note: This includes the following units: Ellis Meadow, Potamus, Thompson Falls, Parallel, Big Bird, Morsay, Gopher, Dry 5, Wolflick, Sugar Bowl, Divide, Gulliford, Kenny Prairie, Matlock, and Tribble.)	24,260 ac.	Morrow & Umatilla Co. OR. T.4&5S., R.29&30E.	Expect Decision <u>3/04</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Granite Area Mining Projects EIS	Recent listings under the Endangered Species Act have necessitated updating the environmental analyses for existing and proposed mining plans of operations for active mining operations within the Granite Creek Watershed. DEIS available at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm">www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm</a>	16 mining claims	Grant Co. OR; T8-10S, R35,35-1/2E	Expect FEIS <u>Spring 2004</u>	Bob Reed
Camp Creek Placers EA	Further development of an existing mining site in order to excavate and process material for mineral extraction. EA available at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm">www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm</a>	5 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.33E., Sec. 6	<u>Expect Decision 3/04</u>	Bob Reed
Round Meadows Trail Reroute EA	Relocate 1.5 miles of trail (two segments) and a bridge to reduce erosion. Repair gully on old section of trail to reduce sediment deposit into South Fork Cable Creek. EA available for review at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm">www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm</a>	1.5 mi.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.6S., R.33E., Sections 14, 15, and 22	Decision pending completion of ESA consultation	Rick Guglielmi

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Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment EA	Analyze sheep grazing effects on Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment	31,000 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.6S., R.34E., T.6S., R.35E., T.7S., R.34E., T.7S., R.35 1/2E; T.7S., R.35E	<u>Postponed</u>	Tom Thompson
NFJD Non-commercial Thinning EA	Thinning of non-commercial sized conifer trees and treatment of created fuels. To be implemented 2004-2009.	25,000 ac.	Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, & Union Co. OR. District-wide, outside of wilderness, roadless, RCHA's and LAU's	<u>Postponed</u>	Scott McDonald
<u>Brook Trout Eradication</u> in Winom Creek CE	<u>Once bull trout presence or absence is determined, remove exotic brook trout from Winom Creek to allow the remnant populations of threatened bull trout to expand into its former habitat. Methods may include trap netting, selective angling, and/or electroshocking.</u>	7 miles	Umatilla & Grant Co. OR. T.6S., R.33E., Sec. 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32; and T.7S., R.33E., Sec. 1, 7, 12	Scoping	Kristy Groves
Western Route Vegetative Management EA	Commercially thin densely stocked stands on dry sites to reduce tree competition and improve forest health.	<u>Thin (commercial and non-commercial) approx. 5,000 ac; harvest approx. 700 ac.; underburn 50 ac.</u>	<u>Grant Co. OR. T.4S., R.29E.; T.4S., R.30E.; T.5S., R.29E.; T.5S., R.30E.; T.5S., R.31E., and T.6S., R.31E.</u>	Development and analysis. Expect <u>Decision Summer 04</u>	Lea Baxter
Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Remove dead or damaged trees that could fall into Forest Road 52 (outside the Tower Fire boundary) and Forest Road 10.	Spots along approximately 30 miles	Umatilla & Grant Co. OR	Scoping. Expect <u>Decision 8/04</u>	Ralph Hartman
Moro Properties Powerline Permit	Approve a Special Use Permit for Moro Properties, LLC. Project would extend an existing powerline and cross approximately 300 feet Forest Service land.	Less than 1 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.31E., Sec. 14	<u>Decision signed 7/22/03</u>	Ralph Hartman
Osprey Platform CE	Install a nesting platform for osprey at Olive Lake.	Less than 1 ac.	<u>Grant Co. OR. T.9S., R.24E., Sec. 15</u>	Scoping and Analysis. Expect <u>Decision Spring 04</u>	<u>Randy Scarlett</u>
Gulch Mechanical Fuels Reduction CE	Use mechanical and manual methods to reduce fuel loads. Mechanical methods could include grapple piling, skyline suspension, or chipping.	<u>1,920 ac.</u>	<u>Umatilla Co. OR. T.3S., R.33E. sec. 11, 12, 14-20, 28-33, and T.3S., R.33 1/2 E, sec. 1-3</u>	Scoping. Expect <u>Decision Fall 04</u>	Randy Fitzgerald

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Battle Mechanical Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Burn CE	Use mechanical and manual methods to reduce fuel loads. Mechanical methods could include grapple piling, skyline suspension, or chipping. Controlled fire would also be used to reduce fuels and treat resulting debris.	4,500 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.33 & 34E.	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>Fall 04</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Matlock Salvage CE	Salvage logging of windfall trees from wind storm during the winter of 2002	Approx. 200 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.4S., R.29E.	Scoping, Expect Decision Spring 2004	Ralph Hartman
*Bull Springs Planting CE	Planting of trees burned in the September 2003 Bull Springs 2 Fire.	483 Acres	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.32E., sec. 22, 23, 26, and 27	Scoping	Scott McDonald
*Bull Springs Salvage CE	Salvage of 1,526 mbf (3,180 ccf) trees burned in the September 2003 Bull Springs 2 Fire.	217 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.32E., sec. 22, 23, 26, and 27	Scoping and Analysis	Ralph Hartman
*Dredge Restoration Extension DN	Extension of ongoing project to redistribute dredge tailings to restore floodplain connectivity along Clear Creek. This phase would redistribute 220,000 cubic yards of dredge tailings along Clear Creek.	25 acres along 1 mile of stream	Grant Co. OR. T.9S., R.35E., Sec. 13-15	Analysis	Ed Farren
*FY '04 District Firewood Collection	Remove dead trees in order to provide the public with firewood while reducing fuel loads and hazard trees along roads.	3.0 mmbf	Morrow, Umatilla & Grant Co. OR. District-wide	Scoping, Expect Decision 8/04	Lindsay Davenport
*FY '04 District Post and Pole Areas CE	Remove slow-growing, overcrowded lodgepole pine in order to improve stand health, promote regeneration of a new stand, and meet public demand for post and pole material.	100 mbf	Morrow, Umatilla, & Grant Co. OR. District-wide	Scoping, Expect Decision 8/04	Lindsay Davenport
*Grant County Upland Spring Development CE	Installation of 3 new water troughs to provide water sources for cattle away from streams.	3 troughs, <1 acre	Grant Co. OR.	Surveying for water sources, Expect Decision Summer 04	Kristy Groves
*Umatilla County Upland Spring Development CE	Installation of 1 new water trough to provide a water source for cattle away from streams.	1 trough, <1 acre	Umatilla Co. OR.	Surveying for water sources, Expect Decision Summer 04	Kristy Groves

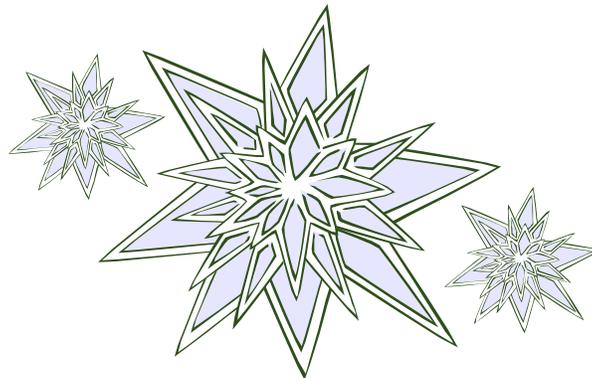
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Road 40 Reconstruction CE	Propose to repair and improve unsafe and degrading sections of a forest arterial. Work would include reconditioning of existing road surfaces, removal of hazard trees, improvement of road drainage facilities, establishment of standard road widths through narrow sections, constructing additional turnouts, and stabilizing cut and fill slopes.	13.8 km (8.58 mi.)	Garfield & Asotin Co. WA. T.7N., R.43E., Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 29; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 31	Expect Decision <u>2004</u>	Lonnie Ruchert
Tallow Tail Prescribed Fire EA	Propose to use landscape prescribed fire and mechanical fuels treatments to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce catastrophic fire potential, and increase forage production. Prescribed burning will take place in the fall using hand and/or aerial ignition methods.	Approx. 2,000 ac.	Garfield and Columbia Co. WA T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 1, 12, & 13; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 5-8, 18, and 19	<u>Cancelled</u>	Melinda Martin, Steve Carlson
Wickiup Campground CE	Existing facility has deteriorated. Project scope will eliminate access barriers, improve the usage potential of the campground, and protect the area from further resource damage. Project entails placing campground sign, replacement of picnic tables and fire rings as needed; surfacing access roads and parking spurs with aggregate; placement of boulder/log parking barriers; and facility maintenance as needed.	6 campsites 2 ac.	Garfield Co. OR. T.N., R.43E., Sec. 28	<u>Postponed</u>	Del Groat
Teal Camp Campground CE	Project entails replacing existing bulletin board; placing fire rings and picnic tables; resealing shelter; placement of concrete sidewalk to outhouses; surfacing access road and parking spurs with aggregate; and facility maintenance as needed. Work will help eliminate access barriers and make campground more usable.	8 campsites 5 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 8	<u>Postponed</u>	Del Groat
Twin Buttes Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 100 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.6N., R.40E., Sec. 2 & 3	<u>Cancelled</u>	Melinda Martin Steve Carlson

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Misery Springs Campground CE	Existing facility has deteriorated and is showing the "wear and tear" of visitor use. Project entails surfacing entrance, loop roads, and parking spurs with aggregate; replacing fire rings, tables, and vault outhouse; relocating campground sign; vegetation rehabilitation; and facility maintenance as needed. Project scope will eliminate accessibility barriers; improve the vegetation growth between campsites and low impact areas; and increase the health and safety of the facility.	5 campsites; 3 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.7N., R.42E., Sec. 1	Expect Decision <u>2004</u>	Del Groat
Stentz Spring Recreation Residence Lot #8 Water Reservoir Placement CE	Propose to relocate existing 350 gallon water reservoir to supply gravity feed water to recreation residence.	.1 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 29	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>2004</u>	Rich Martin
Blue Mountain Archers Permit Reissuance CE	Reissuance of Special Use Permit for the purpose of holding a two-day archery shoot.	Approx. 20 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 21	<u>Decision Signed 10/9/03</u>	Rich Martin
Lewis Creek Fuels & Vegetation Management Project EA	Proposed to use mechanical fuels removal, mechanical tree removal, and prescribed fire treatments to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce wildfire hazard, and increase forage production.	3,100 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Portions of sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 23; T.9N., R.40E., portion of sec. 34.	Analysis. Expect Decision <u>2004</u>	Dean Millett
North-South ORV Trail EA	Propose to construct 29-mile ORV Trail from forest boundary on Road 40 to forest boundary on Road 4304. The trail system will offer user group a safe recreational trail opportunity	29 miles	Garfield & Asotin Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 4, 9, 16-17, 20, 39, 32; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 5, 8-9, 15, 22-23, 25-26, 36; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 29, 31-32, 34-36; and T.7N., R.44E., Sec. 2-6.	Scoping. Expect Decision in 2004	Rich Martin
Stevens Ridge ATV Trail Complex EA	Construct a trail network to accommodate a variety of recreation uses. The trail will be designated for ATV use, but will be available for other user groups.	Approx. 18.34 mi.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 3-4, 9-10, & 16	Scoping and Analysis	Rich Martin
Elk Flats-Wenaha Breaks Research Natural area	Formally designate the proposed Elk Flat-Wenaha Breaks Area as a Research Natural area.	1,970 acres	Wallowa Co. OR. T.5&6N., R.40E. Located in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness.	EA preparation	Jean Wood 541-278-3931

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Rose Spring Recreation Improvement Project CE	Expand the existing Sno-Park parking area to provide safer parking conditions, construct a 40 x 25 ft. pole building on concrete pads to store snow grooming equipment, and improve area for camping with loop road and parking spurs (surface with aggregate), install three fire rings and a vault outhouse.	Approx. 4.5 ac.	Garfield Co. Wa. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 9	<u>Decision Signed 11/2/03</u>	Rich Martin
2004 Personal Use Post and Pole Program CE	Removal of green lodgepole pine, not larger than 7 inches dbh, and dead lodgepole pine with no size limit for personal use.	Approx. 30 ac.	Garfield Co. WA Bear Pole area. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 9; Lick Pole are T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 4; Iron Pole area – T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 33; and Big Bull Pole area – T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 28	Scoping and Analysis	Bill Bowles
FY 2004 Non-Commercial Thinning and <u>Sanitation Harvest</u> CE	Mechanically reduce stocking levels in 20-year old stands through non-commercial thinning treatments. Treatments will improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce wildfire hazard, and increase forage production. <u>Approximately 250 acres within the 500 acres will have a commercial sanitation harvest to remove mistletoe infected Douglas-fir and Western larch to help control the spread of insects and disease in the area.</u>	Approx. 500 ac.	Asotin & Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 14, 15, 22, and 28; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 36; T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 35; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 8; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 6 & 7	Scoping & Analysis	Bill Lydie
Peola Cattle and Horse (C&H) Grazing Allotment EA	Analyze the effects of continuing the authorization of cattle grazing within the existing allotment. A new allotment management plan will be developed from the analysis.	Approx. 23,375 ac. of Nat'l Forest Land and 640 ac. of WA State land	Asotin & Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 1-5; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 3 & 4; T.9N., R.42E., portions of sec. 1, 11, 12, 14, 22, 25, 27, 28, 33, 36 and all of Sec. 13, 23, 24, 26, 34-35; T.9N., R.43E., portions of Sec. 7, 11-14, 18-19, 23-26, 31-32, 34, and all of Sec. 9-10, 15-17, 20-22, 27-30, and 33.	Scoping & Analysis	Angela Whittaker
Willow Fire Restoration Project CE	Salvage of dead and/or dying trees with commercial timber harvest in area recently burned. The project may include incidental removal of live or dead trees for landings, skid trails, and road clearing. There will be no more than ½ miles of temporary road construction.	Approx. 240 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. In all or portions of T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 1-3; and T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 24-36.	<u>Decision Signed 10/29/03</u>	Dean Millett

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Lower Tucannon Ecosystem Management Project – EIS	Project activities include reintroduction of landscape fire, reduction of natural and created fuels, road obliteration, road reconstruction, and restoration of forest stand structure/composition using a variety of silvicultural treatments, including commercial timber harvest. (6,100 ac. in Willow Springs Inventoried Roadless Area; 1,250 in Meadow Cr. Inventoried Roadless Area)	16,300 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Sec. 1, 2, and 11-14; T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 5 & 6; T.9N., R.40E., Sec. 24-26, and 35-36; T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 2-4, 9-24, and 26-35	Scoping & Analysis	Dean Millett
*2004 Personal Use Firewood Program CE	Fuelwood for personal use.	2,500 mbf	Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Co. WA. In designated firewood cutting areas.	Scoping and Analysis	Bill Bowles
*Coombs Canyon Fuels Reduction Project EA	A fuel reduction project to reduce ladder fuels to help reduce crown fire activity and an overall reduction of fuels by thinning from below and using prescribed fire in order to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and fire intensity.	1,000 ac. Of thinning; 1,600 ac. Of prescribed burning	Asotin Co. WA. T.8N., R.44E., Sec. 26-28 and 33-35; and T.7N., R.44E., Sec. 2-5 and 10.	Scoping and Analysis. Expect Decision 2004	Melinda Martin or Tara Hanger
*South Fork Prescribed Fire EA	Landscape prescribed burning with some mechanical ladder fuel reduction to reduce fuel accumulations, improve big game habitat, and re-introduce fire to the ecosystem on a landscape scale.	Anal. Area 11,000 ac; project area 4,000 ac.	Asotin Co. WA. T.8N., R.43, sec, 1, 2, 10-15, 22-28, and 33-36; T.8N., R.44E., Sec. 6-7, 8-19, and 30-31; T.7N., R.43E., Sec. 1 and 2.	Scoping	Melinda Martin Steve Carlson



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Plenty Bob Restoration Project EIS	Salvage of dead and dying timber, stocking level control, 18,000 of prescribed fire and wildlife burns. Precommercial thinning 45 miles of road obliteration.	Estimated volume 10-20 mmbf	Umatilla Co. OR, T.1, 2 & 3N., R.36&37E.	Notice and comment period ended 9/24/01. FEIS in progress. Expect Decision <u>6/04</u>	Glen Westlund
Pedro/Colt Timber Sale EA	Salvage of dead and dying timber, stocking level control, road obliteration and precommercial thinning.	13,000 mbf 2,000 harvest acres; 5,300 ac. Prescribed fire	Umatilla & Union Co. OR, T.1&2N., R.38&39E.	Expect Decision <u>3/04</u>	Glen Westlund
64 Rd. NF Touchet Paving EA	Improve drainage, minor reconstruction, pave road from Co. Rd. to 6400650 (Ski Bluewood) Snowmobile Trail reroute.	7.5 mi.	Columbia Co. WA, T.7&8N., R.40E.	<u>Notice &amp; Comment.</u> Expect Decision <u>2/04</u>	Glen Westlund
Touchet Corral and North Touchet EA	Replace three bridges, construct cross-drains, reconstruct 500 feet of steep slope.	3 mi.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.40E., Sec. 2, 17, 18, 20	<u>Expect Decision 2/04</u>	
Corporation/Buck Creek Organization Camp Permit CE	Issue special use permit to operate Corporation and Buck Creek as an Organization Camp. Included is the replacement of a bridge.	9 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.37E., Sec. 21 & 22	Expect Decision 6/04	Jeff Bloom
Ninemile Trailhead Horse Camp CE	Add facilities for users with horses at the existing trailhead. Facilities to be added include an unloading ramp, mangers, hitching rails, pull through parking spurs and toilets.	3 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 32	Scoping	Steve Anderson
Middle Point Ridge Trailhead CE	Install restroom at trailhead.	.1 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Sec. 27	Scoping	Steve Anderson
Spring Mountain Sheep Allotment EA	Analyze the effects of continuing sheep grazing within the existing allotment giving consideration to soils, watershed, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, timber and other resources.	35,374 ac.	Umatilla Co. WA. T.1S., R.37E.	Expect Decision Winter 2004	Tom Thompson

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Hardwood Restoration EA	Restoration of primarily aspen and cottonwood stands across the district. Management actions to be considered include fencing, prescribed fire, removal of competing conifers and other vegetation, planting and transplanting seedlings	102 aspen sites; 50 cottonwood and other hardwoods	District-wide	EA Preparation	Kathy Campbell
Bluewood Tamarack Trail Culverts CE	Install 3 culverts where stream crosses ski trail.	0.03 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.38E., Sec. 18 & 19.	Scoping. Expect Decision 2/04	Jeff Bloom
Fry Creek Seed Orchard Fuel Break CE	Prune approximately 59 acres in the stand surrounding the Fry Creek Seed Orchard	59 ac.	Union Co. OR. T.4N., R.40E., Sec. 33	<u>Decision Signed 12/10/03</u>	John Mitchell
Table Rock Toilet CE	Installation of toilet approximately 600 feet NE of Table Rock Lookout	400 sq. feet	Walla Walla Co. WA. T.6N., R.39E., Sec. 3.	<u>Expect Decision 1/04</u>	Doug Simler
Lower Sheep Timber Sale and Fire Reintroduction Project EA	Lower elevation Forest along the breaks to the Grande Ronde River would utilize prescribed fire and timber harvest to restore ponderosa pine and western larch Forest and grasslands and brush along the canyon walls. No harvest is proposed in the roadless area. Forest treatments in higher elevations would focus on mixed Forest stands in need of stocking control or the removal of off site ponderosa pine. Approximately 40% of the harvest would occur in lynx habitat with treatments that would not change habitat use. The majority of stands are dominated by western larch	4,300 ac. of prescribed fire. 2,680 acres of harvest.	Wallowa Co. OR. T.4N., R.40E.; T.4N., R.39E., Sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25; T.4N., R.41E., Sec. 7, 18, 30, 31; T.5N., R.40E., Sec. 31, 32, 33, 28, 29.	EA preparation	John Mitchell, Glen Westlund
NCT (non-commercial thinning) CE	Reduction of stocking in regeneration units generally less than 30 years old.	1,703 ac.	District-wide	Scoping	John Mitchell
Morning Creek Snowpark Expansion CE	Expand the upper level of the sno-park to better handle longer vehicles parking at the site.	1 ac.	T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 5	Scoping	Steve Anderson
*Boise Boundary Thinning & Fuels Reduction CE	Thin 70 acres of heavily stocked mixed conifer forest for stocking control, with associated fuels reduction including prescribed fire and mechanical treatment. The stands to be treated adjoin private timber land.	70 acres 420 mbf	T.3N., R.40E., Sec. 4; T.4N., R.40E., Sec. 32 & 33	Scoping	Betsy Kaiser