



Umatilla National Forest
Schedule of Proposed Activities
 Fall 2002

Editor: Dave Herr

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.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAND EXCHANGE

The Forest Service is currently preparing an environmental impact statement to analyze the proposed exchange of approximately 20,570 acres of federal lands for approximately 36,370 acres of non-federal lands in the vicinity of the Blue Mountains Province of Northeast Oregon. Portions of the federal and non-federal lands proposed for exchange are located on the Heppner, North Fork John Day, Pomeroy, and Walla Walla Ranger Districts of the Umatilla National Forest. The proposed exchange responds to the Forest Service's need for consolidation of federal land ownership patterns in the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

If you would like more information about this proposed land exchange, contact Linda Vore, Supervisory Realty Specialist, PO Box 907, Baker City, OR 97814; Telephone 541-523-1249.

COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE GRANITE MINING PROJECTS DRAFT EIS EXTENDED

On July 26, 2002, a Notice of Availability for the Granite Area Mining Projects Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register. In the notice, the end of the comment period for the Draft EIS was listed as September 9, 2002. Because of the interest shown in this project, the comment period has been extended an additional 45 days. The external review period for this document will now end on October 21, 2002. Any written comments regarding this project should be addressed to Craig Smith-Dixon, District Ranger, PO Box 158, Ukiah, OR 97880 or by phone at (541) 427-3231.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION INVASIVE PLANT PROJECT

The Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region is beginning the preparation of an environmental impact statement to amend Forest Plan direction to enhance the ability to protect native ecosystems from invasive, non-native plants. The action will build on the Region's existing program by improving the ability to prevent the introduction of invasive plant species, improve detection and rapid response to new infestation, and control of existing populations. This EIS will replace the direction provided in the 1988 Vegetation Management EIS and Record of Decision, and the 1989 Mediated Agree-

ment. The 1988 EIS focused on plantation release and did not address the numerous issues specific to preventing and treating noxious weeds.

If you would like more information about this analysis, you can contact Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, Invasive Plant Project, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623 or by calling (503) 326-4310. Information is also available at the following web site:

www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasiveplant-eis

Visit the Umatilla NF web site at

www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/

RELEASE OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES

In response to an opinion from the Office of General Counsel, there has been a change in how Region 6 will deal with requests for the release of names and addresses of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) commenters. Upon request, the Forest Service will now release names and addresses on NEPA comment letters, as well as NEPA mailing lists used to solicit and respond to comments. This is a change from existing Region 6 procedures, whereby we have been withholding individuals names and addresses on NEPA mailing lists as well as on comment letters.

If you have any questions pertaining to this policy, please contact Dave Herr at (541) 278-3869.

SOPA ON THE INTERNET

You can access the SOPA from the Umatilla National Forest's web site on the Internet by going to www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/sopa/sopa.htm. An E-Mail Mailing List has also been developed. We can now notify those with Internet access when an update has been posted to the Internet. If you have any comments on this web site, or would like to be added to the E-Mail list, please send a message to ldillavou@fs.fed.us or call Linda Dillavou at (541) 278-3892.



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Project Name	Description	Size	Local/Legal Description	Status	Contact Name
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.	20,570 ac of Federal land; 36,370 ac. of non-Federal land	Selected parcels in vicinity of Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests	Scoping. Expect Decision 12/03	Linda Vore 541-523-1249



Heppner Ranger District

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Rimrock Ecosystem Restoration Projects EIS	Resurface 27 miles and improve drainage and harden road surfaces on 13 additional miles. Obliterate and remove 10 miles of system road. Decommission 4 miles of system road. Improve closures on 22 roads. Road 230902 and 2300101 will be changed from open to closed status. Three existing roads fording Wall Creek will be improved. Maintain 140 in-channel fish structures on Big Wall and Wilson Creeks. Prescribe burn 42,000 acres to promote desired species composition and commercial thin to improve or maintain forest health. The project also includes other restoration projects.	33,000 ccf <u>5,500</u> ac.	Morrow, Wheeler, & Grant Co. OR, T-5S., R.25-27E.; T.6S., R.25-27E.; T.7S., R-25-27E.	Analysis, Expect FEIS <u>11/02</u>	Dave Kendrick
Wil Pot Post & Pole EA	Provide post & poles to the public for personal or commercial use and restore stand health and fire hazard reduction.	104 ac. 10,000 poles	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.29E., sec. 18-20; T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 13	Scoping & Analysis.	<u>Brian Spivey</u>
Hallock Post & Pole EA	Provide post & poles to the public for personal or commercial use and restore stand health and fire hazard reduction.	40 ac. 8,000 poles	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28E. Sec. 18 & 19	Scoping & Analysis.	<u>Brian Spivey</u>
Skookum/Alder EA/EIS	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 catastrophic fire risk (removal of standing and fallen snags); and other activities designed to improve watershed conditions and provide ecosystem sustainability.	33,600 ac.	Morrow & Grant Co. OR. T.5S., R.27E., T.5S., R.28E., T.6S., R.27E., T.6S., R.28E., T.7S., R.27E., T.7S., R.28E.	Scoping and Analysis. Expect Decision <u>10/03</u>	Dave Kendrick
McKenzie Thin EA	Commercially thin overstory, primarily western larch, restore stand health by removing mistletoed western larch. Precommercially thin overstocked understory.	28 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.29E., Sec. 4	Scoping & Analysis	<u>Dave Kendrick</u>
Rocky Flat Springs Upland Water Source <u>CE</u>	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 <u>1/03</u>	Tom McLain

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Midway Springs Upland Water Source <u>CE</u>	Place a spring box at the spring source, place a water trough downslope and away from the spring source, and build an enclosure around the spring source.	2 ½ ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 33 S/SE; T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 2 NW/SE; T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 13 NE/NW; T.6S., R.28E., Sec. 18 SW/SW; T.6S. R.28E., Sec. 30 NW/SE	Scoping & Analysis, Expect Decision <u>1/03</u>	Tom McLain
Access and Travel Management (ATM) Amendment	Change the date seasonal roads are open in the Winter Range west of State Hwy 395. This will allow the adjacent lands on the Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger District to have the same dates for better understanding and compliance by users.	21 miles of (seasonally open) roads will be open on April 16 thru Nov. 30 instead of May 1 thru Nov. 30	Morrow & Umatilla Co. OR. North Fork John Day RD West of State Hwy. 395 to the Administrative Boundary with the Heppner RD.	Scoping, Expect Decision 1/03	Lori Seitz
Cable Rehab EA	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 catastrophic fire risk (snags will either be grapple piled and burned or removed from the site as logs or chips). Reforestation spot planting will occur in open areas. Formerly Cable Rehab CE.	220 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 19; T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 14, 23, 24, 28, 29; T.5S., R.29E., Sec. 29, 32; T.6S., R.29E., Sec. 7	Scoping & Analysis <u>30-day comment period ends 10/8/02</u>	Mike Burns
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.	Scoping & Analysis	Mike Burns
*Henry Creek Underburn Project CE	Underburn 5 units with dead and down woody debris and grassy fuels. The underburn is to reduce these accumulations and to promote the growth and vigor of the tree stand, forbs and grasses and increase forage for big game and livestock.	779 ac.	Wheeler Co. OR T.7S., R.25E., Sec. 16-20	Decision Signed 9/11/02	Hank Falcon
*Skookum Prescribed Underburn CE	Reintroduce fire into the ecosystem to reduce the accumulation of activity and natural fuel debris on the forest floor. This project will also improve the quantity and quality of forage for big game and livestock.	950 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 8, 9, & 10	Decision Signed 9/3/02	Hank Falcon

North Fork John Day Ranger District

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Upper Desolation Tree Thinning EA	Thinning of commercial and non-commercial sized trees in stands adjacent to the 1996 Bull Fire to advance development of mature forest and reduce stress in densely stocked stands. Hazard trees along roads will also be removed. This project would obliterate approximately 0.5 miles of road. (See Desolation EIS article in Winter 2002 SOPA.)	150 acres of commercial thinning (1500 ccf); 40 acres of noncommercial thinning and 200 ccf of hazard tree removal	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.34E., Desolation Lookout, Olive Lake	Scoping & Analysis, Expect Decision <u>Summer 2003</u>	Ralph Hartman
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	Decision pending completion of ESA consultation	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.	Decision pending completion of ESA consultation	Noel Livingston

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Tower Fire Recovery Project EIS	Involves 47 projects to recover 50,800-acre Tower Fire area including: road repair or road obliteration; removal of fish passage barriers; fencing of riparian areas; planting of riparian vegetation; soil stabilization and decompaction; prescribed fire; rehabilitation of Oriental Campground, scattered dispersed campsites, and trails; construction of an OHV trail; salvage of dead trees and commercial and noncommercial thinning of densely stocked live trees; and reforestation with spot application of herbicides to control competing vegetation. Some activities including salvage would occur within the South Fork Tower Roadless Area.	2,196 ac. of salvage (9.9 mmbf), 598 ac. of commercial thinning (1.5 mmbf), 1.5 mi. of temporary road construction, 12.7 mi. of road closure, 33.1 mi. of road obliteration, 10,285 ac. of reforestation with spot application of herbicides to control competing vegetation.	Grant & Umatilla Co. OR. T.5S., R.6S., T.7S., R.32E., R.33E., R.33-1/2E., R.34E.	FEIS available. Decision pending completion of ESA and Tribal Consultations	Janel Lacey
Desolation Meadow Rehabilitation EA	This project would reconstruct the stream channel to restore the stream's access to its floodplain. Disturbed areas would be planted with native vegetation and the entire meadow would be burned to reduce conifer encroachment, increase Botrychium population, and to enhance wet meadow vegetative composition and structure.	3 mi. stream; 200 ac. burning	Grant Co. OR. T.9S., R.34E., Sec. 4, 5, 6	Pre-scoping	Janel Lacey
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.	<u>16</u> mining claims	Grant Co. OR; T8-10S, R35,35-1/2E	<u>DEIS available. Comment period ends October 21, 2002. Expect FEIS Summer 2003</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 www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm	5 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.33E., Sec. 6	<u>Comment period over. Decision pending completion of ESA consultation</u>	Bob Reed

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Round Meadows Trail Reroute EA	Existing location of OHV trail requires high maintenance. An intense thunderstorm in 2000 caused damage that is depositing sediment into South Fork Cable Creek. Reroute #1 is approximately 1.1 miles long and would move the trail to a ridgetop location. Reroute #2 is about .4 miles and would eliminate steep, eroding section adjacent to South Fork Cable Creek with several switchback turns and relocation of the bridge.	1.5 mi.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.6S., R.33E., Sections 14, 15, and 22	<u>EA available for 30-day public review 11/02</u>	Rick Guglielmi
Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment EA	Analyze sheep grazing effects on Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment	31,000 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.6S., R.34E., Sec. 34, 35, 36, 25; T.6S., R.35E., Sec. 29, 30, 31, & 32; T.7S., R.34E., Sec. 1-3, 11-14, 23-25, & 36; T.7S., R.35 1/2E., Sec. 9-12, 14-16, 21-23, 27, 28; T.7S., R.35E., Sec. 1 thru 31	Scoping & Analysis	Tom Thompson
NFJD Non-commercial Thinning EA	Thinning of non-commercial sized conifer trees and treatment of created fuels. Implemented 2004-2009.	25,000 ac.	Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, & Union Co. OR. District-wide, outside of wilderness, roadless, RCHA's and LAV's	Scoping	Scott McDonald



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Desolation Road Projects EA	Stabilize, repair, improve closure the following closed Forest Roads: 1003-170, 1007 at gate, 1007-140, 1007-145, 1010-075 (off 070), 1011-035, 1011-050, 1014-015, 1014-016, 1014-017, 1014-020, 1014-030, and 5505-800. Remove from system the following closed roads: 1003-115, no-number spur SE of 1003-075 and 1003 junction, 1007-600, 1010-035, 1010-038, 1011-041, 3980-251, 3980-252, and 3980-253. Decommission (remove culverts, stabilize drainage, rip, or recontour) the following closed Forest Roads: no-number spurs south of 1003-130 in sec. 9, 1007-105, 1007-500, 1007-700, 1007-800, 1011-020 (sign says 010), 1012-030, 1012-040, 1014-013, and 3980-250. Open to the public and repair the following closed Forest roads: 1011-030, 1012 system, and 1012-060. Reconstruction the following open Forest road: 1010 near lookout. Close the following open roads: 1014 (last .2 miles), 1014-040.		Grant Co. OR	Scoping and Analysis	Ed Farren
Frazier Cabin Propane Installation CE	Install propane tank and underground line for cabin heat source.	100 feet of line	Umatilla Co. OR	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>Fall '02</u>	Karen Kendall
Lower Kelsay Creek Fence Construction CE	Construct permanent fence to exclude livestock from riparian areas.	1.5 miles of fence	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.32E., Sec. 30, 29	<u>Decision Signed</u> <u>6/1/02</u>	Ed Farren/ Tom Thompson
FY '02 NFJD District Firewood Program CE	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	<u>Decision Signed</u> <u>8/9/02</u>	Lindsay Davenport
FY '02 NFJD District Post and Pole Area 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	<u>Decision Signed</u> <u>8/9/02</u>	Lindsay Davenport
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Vinegar Hill Whitebark Pine Restoration CE	Fell subalpine fir and other species that compete with whitebark pine to reduce stand density to levels more conducive to whitebark pine growth and maintenance. Slash may be left, lopped and scattered, or hand piled and burned.	240 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.9S., R.34E., Sec. 35 and 36; T.10S., R.34E., sec. 1, 2, and 3.	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>Winter 2002</u>	Vince Novotny
Owens Fuel Reduction	Use mechanical and manual methods to reduce fuel loads. Mechanical methods could include grapple piling. Skyline suspension, or chipping. This would not include commercial sale of material.	4,000 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3S., R.32E., Sec. 25, 26, 27, 33, 36; T.4S., R.32E., Sec. 2-4, and 9-11; T.4S., R.33E., Sec. 23, 29, 32, and 33	<u>Decision Signed 8/26/02</u>	Doug Baxter
Columbia Basin ATV Tours Special Use Permit CE	Approve a permit to use Winom-Frazier OHV Complex to lead up to 4 ATV tours/year. Group size 6 or less ATV's and drivers. Tours will instruct drivers in the safe and responsible use of ATVs, emphasizing the "Tread Lightly" philosophy.	Throughout Winom-Frazier OHV Complex	Umatilla Co. OR. T.5S., R.34E., Sec. 2.	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>Spring 2003</u>	Bob Reed
Brook Trout Eradication in Winom Cr. CE	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.		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. Expect Decision <u>Spring 2003</u>	Kristy Groves
Road Apples Hazard Reduction CE	Thinning of commercial-sized, green Douglas-fir, white fir, and ponderosa pine, using a horse logging skidding system to reduce risk from hazard trees and reduce winter icing by allowing more sun into the District's horse corral and pasture.	Approx. 20 acres	Grant Co, OR, T7S, R31E, N ½ of the SE ¼, and S ½ of the NE ¼, sec. 1. North Fork John Day RD's horse barn, corral, and pasture	Analysis. <u>Expect decision Fall 2002</u>	Lindsey Davenport



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Project Name	Description	Size	County State Legal Description	Status	Contact Name
Lewis Creek Prescribed Fire EA	Propose to use landscape prescribed fire to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce catastrophic fire potential and increased forage production. To be done in late fall using hand and/or aerial ignition methods.	3,000 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, & 23.	Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin, Ed Guzman
Bi-Forest Noxious Weed Treatment EIS	Treatment of Yellow Starthistle and other Noxious Weeds.	14 sites on Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman NF	Washington and Oregon	Delayed	Delanne Ferguson 541-278-3762
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 2002	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	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin, Ed Guzman
Bench Vegetation and Fuels Management Area EA	Propose 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.	Approx. 650 ac., 1-2 mmbf	Garfield and Wallowa Co. WA. T.6N., R.42E., Sec. 1-4, 9, 15, 16, & 22.	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin, Kevin Bott
Paige Vegetation and Fuels Management Area EA	Propose 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.	Approx. 3,000 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, & 23.	Scoping & Analysis – Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin, Kevin Bott
Jim Creek Range EA and Allotment Management Plan	Incorporate and implement the goals and objectives of the Forest Plan and subsequent Forest Plan amendments into a new Allotment Management Plan.	70 ac. of National Forest land. 439 ac. private land	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N., R.40E., Sec. 27, 28, 33, 34.	<u>EA out for 30-day comment period which ends</u>	Angela Whittaker

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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	Postponed	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	Postponed	Del Groat
Big Butte Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 800 ac.	Asotin Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, & 35	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin Ed Guzman
Arbothknot Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 800 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin Kevin Bott
Maloney Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 800 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 4, 5, 6, 7, & 18	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin Chris Schulte
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	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Melinda Martin Chris Schulte
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	Postponed	Del Groat

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Indian Trailhead Relocation CE	Existing facility has deteriorated and is inaccessible to visitor use most of use season due to deep, muddy ruts and steep inclines of the 64-450 road. Project entails relocating the trailhead from its current location out to the junction with Road 64; developing a 100 x 100 foot parking area; replacing the vault outhouse; relocating the bulletin board; removal of the old outhouse; vegetation rehabilitation of old trailhead site; and closing the existing 1/3 mile of Road 64-450 and establishing it as part of the 3236 trail system. Project scope will eliminate accessibility barriers; protect the spring and riparian area; improve the vegetation growth of the abandoned trailhead; and increase the health and safety of the facility.	2 ac., 1/3 mi.	Columbia Co. WA. T.6N., R.39E., Sec. 14	<u>Decision Signed 7/24/02</u>	Del Groat
French Ridge Outhouse CE	Existing facility at Goose Corral has deteriorated and is inaccessible to many Forest users. Project entails placing a concrete outhouse and removing the old outhouse. Work will help eliminate access barriers and make facility more usable.	1/10 ac.	Columbia Co. WA T.7N., R.41E., Sec. 6	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Del Groat
Cross Canyon Trailhead Outhouse CE	Existing facility at Cross Canyon is an old outhouse built by an outfitter/guide permittee that has deteriorated, is inaccessible, and was not built to any Forest standard. Project entails placing a concrete outhouse and removing the old outhouse. Work will help eliminate access barriers and make facility more usable.	1/10 ac.	Wallowa Co. OR. T.6N., R.41E., Sec. 28	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Del Groat
Clearwater Look-out Outhouse CE	Existing facility has deteriorated and is inaccessible to pumpers. Project entails placing a concrete outhouse near the Look-Out and removing the old outhouse. Work will help eliminate access barriers and make facility more usable for administrative use and for the cabin rental program.	1/10 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 5	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2002	Del Groat
Three Forks Trailhead Improvements CE	Project entails constructing two hitchrails and three feed mangers within the use area of the trailhead; placing firerings and picnic tables; improve the current loading dock; relocate the bulletin board; grade and gravel roadways and parking spurs; and place a trailhead sign. Project scope will eliminate accessibility barriers; improve the function of the trailhead; decrease resource damage from stock; and increase the health and safety of the facility.	4 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.6N., R.42E., Sec. 4	<u>Decision Signed 9/4/02</u>	Del Groat
West Wenatchee Trail Reconstruction CE	Reconstruct existing trail where it is on higher ground outside riparian areas, relocate trail where it currently is in wet riparian areas, and relocate trail to eliminate creek crossings.	7 mi.	Asotin Co. WA. T.7N., R.43E., Sec. 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27	Scoping. Expect Decision 2002	Rich Martin
West Patit Big Game Cistern	Install a 2,100-gallon fiberglass cistern with a pole/woven fence around it. A small underground	Less than 1 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N.,	Scoping &	Angela Whittaker

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CE	pipe will run water from the cistern to a trough placed outside the fenced area to provide water for upland birds and big game in the area.		R.41E., Sec. 6	Analysis	
Brushy Canyon Cistern CE	Replacing collection top of existing 500-gallon cistern. This includes replacing 4 sheets of tin and wooden frame. Planting approximately 250 native shrubs around the cistern. This project will provide water for upland birds and small mammals.	Less than 1 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.7N., R.43E., Sec. 20	Scoping & Analysis	Angela Whittaker
Mud Spring Ridge 2 Cistern CE	Replacing collection top of existing 500-gallon cistern. This includes replacing 4 sheets of tin and wooden frame. Planting approximately 250 native shrubs around the cistern. This project will provide water for upland birds and small mammals.	Less than 1 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.43E., Sec. 17	Scoping & Analysis	Angela Whittaker
Warner Corral CE	Existing corral will be updated with new materials, such as wire, steel gates, wood stays and steel posts. A loading chute and dock will be added. The loading dock will be made with cement barriers, rock and dirt fills. The loading chute will be made with treated logs or hog panels.	0.5 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 36	Scoping & Analysis	Angela Whittaker
Slick Ear Recreation Lot #6 Storage Building CE	Propose to construct a 160 square foot storage building.	160 square feet	Columbia Co. WA, T.6N., R.40E., Sec. 10	Scoping, Expect Decision 2002	Rich Martin
Rose Spring Recreation Lot #7 Addition CE	Propose to add 400 square feet to the existing recreation residence building	400 square feet	Garfield Co. WA, T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 9	<u>Decision Signed</u> <u>7/17/02</u>	Rich Martin
Recreation Residence Water Transmission Permit Reissuance CE	Propose to continue to provide potable water with the existing buried pipelines to the recreation residences at the five identified sites. There will be no construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements to existing sites.	1.71 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 9, 29; Columbia Co. WA. T.6N., R.40E., Sec. 10	<u>Decision Signed</u> <u>8/22/02</u>	Rich Martin
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 2002	Rich Martin
*Person Use Post and Pole Program 2003 CE	Post and poles for personal use.	35 ac. 50 mbf	Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 28; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 4, 23, and 25; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 33	Scoping and analysis.	Bill Bowles
*Stentz Spring Lot #8—Relocate	Relocate existing generator building on recreation residence. Relocate electrical, propane, and water lines below ground to a depth of 12 inches for 30	150 sq. feet	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 29	Scoping. Expect Decision	Rich Martin

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Generator Building CE	linear feet.			Fall 2002	
*Bramhall Water Transmission CE	Re-issuance of special use permit to provide water for domestic use to Bramhall summer cabin. There will be no construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements to existing site.	700 linear feet	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N., R.43E., Sec. 3	Scoping. Expect Decision Fall 2002	Rich Martin



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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>6/03</u>	Glen Westlund
Pedro/Colt Timber Sale EA	Salvage of dead and dying timber, stocking level control, road obliteration and precommercial thinning.	<u>13,000 mbf</u> <u>2,000 harvest acres:</u> <u>5,300 ac.</u> <u>Prescribed fire</u>	Umatilla & Union Co. OR, T.1&2N., R.38&39E.	EA Preparation	Glen Westlund
64 Rd. NF Touchet Paving EA	Improve drainage, minor reconstruction, pave road from Co. Rd. to 6400650 (Ski Bluewood)	7.5 mi.	Columbia Co. WA, T.7&8N., R.40E.	Consultation . Expect Decision <u>3/03</u>	Glen Westlund
Touchet Corral and North Touchet Snowmobile Trail Reconstruction EA	Replace three bridges, construct cross-drains, reconstruct 500 feet of steep slope. Replace existing culvert under Forest Road 6400650 with bridge to allow snowmobile and groomer passage. Provide drainage under snowmobile trail for springs.	3 mi.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.40E., Sec. 2, 17, 18, 20	EA Preparation <u>Expect Decision</u> <u>6/03</u>	Jimmye Turner
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 <u>8/03</u>	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 Trail Reconstruction CE	Convert four climbing turns to switchbacks on an existing trail.	.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.	Scoping. Expect Decision <u>11/02</u>	Tom Thompson

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Noncommercial thinning FY <u>2003</u> CE	Noncommercial thinning in young conifer stands below 4500'.	1,500 ac.	District-wide Columbia Co. WA; Umatilla, Wallowa, and Union Co. OR	<u>Scoping</u>	John Mitchell
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	<u>EA Preparation</u>	Kathy Campbell
Umatilla Electric Cooperative Powerline Relocation CE	Replace overhead powerline with buried powerline in same right of way.	1,040 feet	Umatilla Co. OR. T.4N., R.38E., Sec. 33. W.M. Upper Grande Ronde	<u>Decision Signed 7/30/02</u>	Jeff Bloom
Tollgate Recreation Residence Waterline CE	Install waterline to cabin.	3,650 feet	Umatilla Co. OR. T.4N., R.38E., Sec. 33; T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 4. Upper Grande Ronde	Expect Decision <u>3/03</u>	Jeff Bloom
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. <u>Expect Decision 6/03</u>	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	Expect Decision <u>6/03</u>	John Mitchel
Spout Springs Recreation Residence Storage Shed & Satellite Dish CE	Construct one 220 sq. foot (11x20) elevated storage shed with access ramps and underground utility line. Install 1 pole mounted satellite dish antenna with underground utility line.	<1/10 th ac. 1 shed construction	Union Co. OR. T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 10	<u>Decision Signed 8/30/02</u>	Jeff Bloom
Spout Springs Ski Area Night Lighting CE	Install 2 new pole-mounted night lights and 2 pole-mounted replacement lights with underground electrical service	<1/10 th ac. 2 pole installations	Union Co. OR. T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 10	<u>Decision Signed 8/8/02</u>	Jeff Bloom
Corporation Septic Tank CE	Install new septic tank drainfield at Corporation Guard Station	<1/10 th ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.37E., Sec. 21	Scoping	Jeff Bloom
Ski Bluewood Snowboard Terrain Park Recontour CE	Recontour the lower portion of the snowboard terrain park	2 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.38E., Sec. 18	Scoping	Jeff Bloom
Spout <u>Recreation Homes Defensible Space</u> CE	Removal of approximately 100 trees blown over or damaged around the house at the Spout Springs summer homes administrative site.	<u>18 ac., plus 27 ac. of lots</u>	Union Co. OR. T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 9 & 10	Scoping	Glen Westlund

