

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## LEMOLO WATERSHED PROJECTS TIMBER SALES and RELATED ACTIVITIES

DIAMOND LAKE RANGER DISTRICT  
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### ABSTRACT

*The Lemolo Watershed Projects draft Environmental Impact Statement provides the decision makers and the public with the expected environmental impacts of five alternatives including the proposed action. The Diamond Lake Ranger District, Umpqua National Forest proposes to conduct timber harvest, temporary and system road construction, system road reconstruction, temporary and system road decommissioning, permanent helicopter landing construction, site preparation, natural fuels treatment, soil restoration, and reforestation activities within matrix lands inside the Lemolo Lake Analysis Area in 2004-2005. The analysis area encompasses the Bradley Creek, Thirsty Creek, Lemolo Reservoir, North Umpqua Headwaters, and Lake Creek 6<sup>th</sup> Level Watersheds located in the Lemolo Lake 5<sup>th</sup> Level Watershed. Timber sales would regeneration harvest 448 acres, commercially thin 892 acres, partial harvest 39 acres, small group harvest 146, selectively harvest 42 acres for posts and poles, and harvest 10 acres for house logs while meeting current standards and guidelines for matrix lands. Approximately 3.17 miles of new system road construction, 51.79 miles of system road reconstruction / maintenance, 6.19 miles of system road decommissioning inside potential sale area boundaries, 4.83 miles of road decommissioning outside potential sale area boundaries, 3.9 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration, 2 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction, 264 acres of sub-soiling, 282 acres of natural fuels burning, would occur within the planning area. Six sales are planned to be sold in 2004-2005 and operate for 2 to 3 years. A combination of skyline, helicopter, loader, and mechanized logging systems would be utilized to harvest timber*

*Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their comments during the review period of the draft environmental impact statement by November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. This will enable the Forest Service to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use information acquired into the preparation of the final environmental impact statement, thus avoiding undue delay in the decision making process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process so that it is meaningful and alerts to the reviewers' position and contentions. Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978), Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the Circuit, 1986) and Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be specific and should address the adequacy of the statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).*

*The environmental policies and procedures specified in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR, Chapter V) were used in developing this Environmental Assessment.*