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Sweet Home Ranger District Receives National Award for Heritage Expeditions

In November, Mike Dombeck, Chief of the Forest Service, honored the Sweet Home Ranger District with a National Award for Excellence for the district's Heritage Expedition project called "Trekkers the Old Santiam Wagon Road."

The district held two expeditions last summer where 34 trekkers spent four days hiking, camping, and exploring the Old Santiam Wagon Road.

Trekkers studied cultural and traditional uses of natural resources through venues such as interpretation, conservation education, and living history presentations. They also spent many hours in the company of such professionals as archaeologists, botanists, geologists, and biologists.

While trekkers learn about Forest Service stewardship, employees gain a greater understanding of public attitude and natural resource



As the Heritage Expedition trek begins at Walton Ranch, trekkers learn about early settlers and wildlife in the area.

Hope Pressman
and Cliff Rutledge
in a 1903

Oldsmobile, the same model as one of the cars in the First Transcontinental Auto Race from New York to Portland, Oregon, in 1905. Part of the race route included the Old Santiam Wagon Road.



knowledge. In addition, the expeditions help the Forest Service complete much needed work. Trekkers pay a fee for the weeklong event and proceeds are used to fund cultural resource restoration projects on the district. Several trekkers have even volunteered to help the district after their experience.

Others who have helped to make the expeditions a success include Linn-Benton Community College, South Santiam Services (concessionaire),

Wilderness River Outfitters, Portland V.A. Hospital (youth program), Confederated Tribes of the Siletz and Grand Ronde, volunteers, Sweet Home community and private business sector, and retired Forest Service employees.

The Forest has three Heritage Expeditions planned for 2001, two on the Sweet Home Ranger District and one on the McKenzie Ranger District. For more information, contact Joanne West at the Sweet Home Ranger District, 541-367-9206.



Evening activities included entertainment by cowboy poets at Horse Rock Campground.



At Fish Lake, Steve Coady poses as C.C. Hall, early 20th century Forest Supervisor.



At Fish Lake, Addie learns about mule packing.

For Your Information:

This “Winter 2001” edition of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest’s Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), will update you, the owners and stakeholders of this forest, on our planning efforts for future projects. Our planning focuses on activities that protect, conserve, restore and enhance the valuable and valued resources of this forest. Through this quarterly publication, we invite your participation in the important work that goes on across the Willamette. By sharing your interest and your ideas, you become an important contributor to our mission of “Caring for the Land and Serving People.”

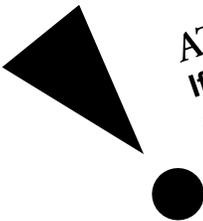
HIGHLIGHTS—Below you will find detailed information on recent decisions that will affect the stewardship of your national forests. These include: The Final Rule on Roadless Area Conservation, the Revised Forest Service Planning Regulations, and Amendments to the “Survey and Manage” provisions of the Northwest Forest Plan.

If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, contact Neal Forrester at 541-465-6521. The Forest Focus can also be found on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

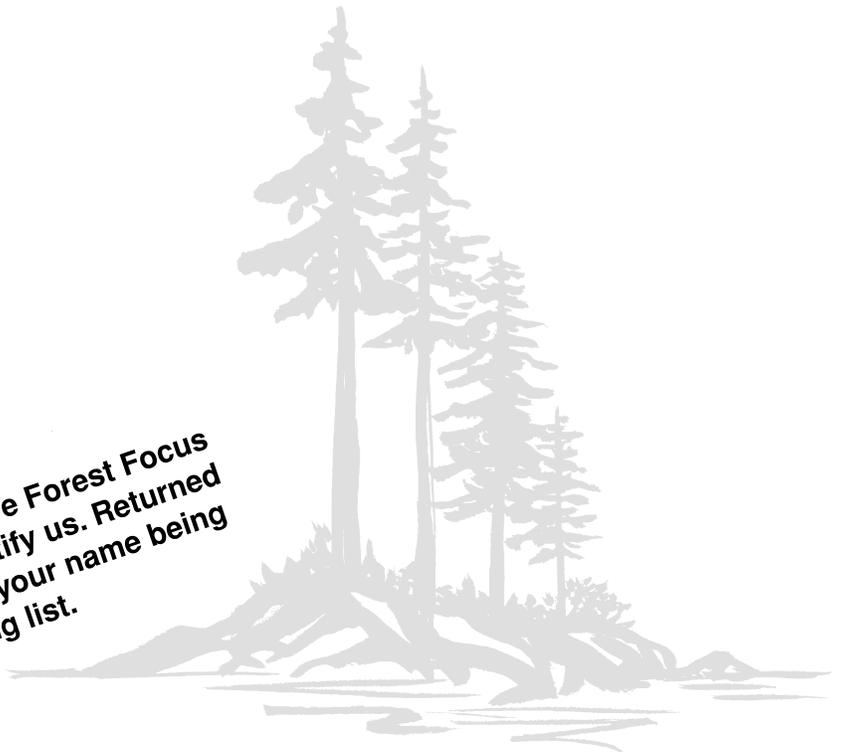
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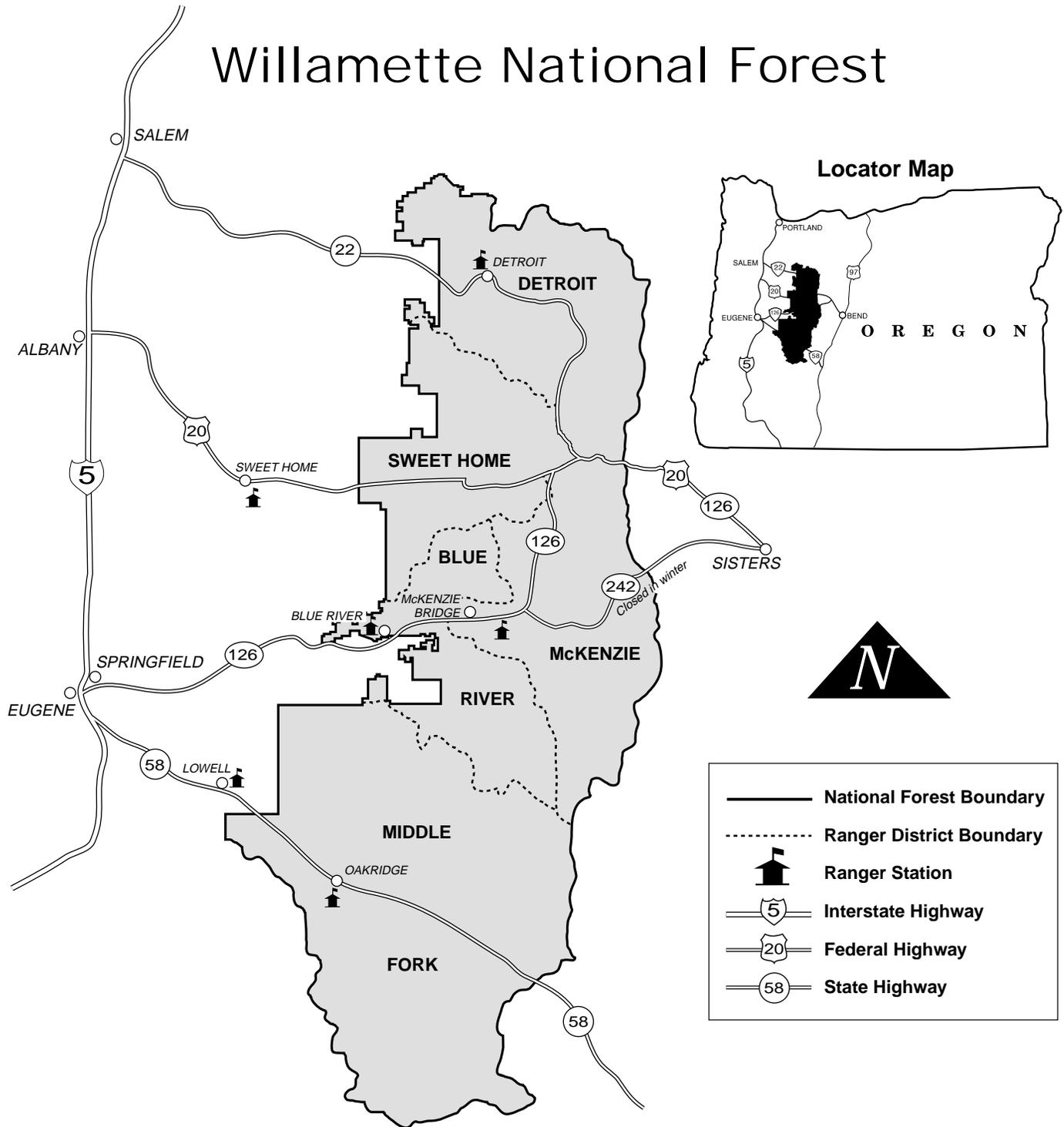
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For Your Information

NATION-WIDE

Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule

On January 12, 2001, the final rule regarding management of inventoried roadless areas on the National Forests was published in the Federal Register. The rule will become effective 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

The new rule:

- Prohibits new road construction and reconstruction in the inventoried roadless areas. (Exceptions are allowed for public health and safety in cases of an imminent threat of flood, fire or other catastrophic event, to prevent irreparable resource damage caused by an existing road and for other specific circumstances as explained in the final rule.)
- Prohibits cutting, sale, and removal of timber in the inventoried roadless areas. (Exceptions are allowed for situations where cutting of small diameter trees which maintains or improves the roadless characteristics, to improve habitat for Threatened and Endangered species, to maintain or restore ecosystem composition and structure and other specific circumstances are explained in the final rule.)
- Applies immediately to the Tongass National Forest with a transition period allowed for projects with a published Notice of Availability.

The roadless area rule protects about 58.5 million acres or about one third of the entire National Forest System nation-wide. On the Willamette National Forest, approximately 158,000 acres of inventoried roadless area will be protected under the new rule. Under the current Forest Plan, timber harvesting was allowed on about 37,000 acres of the Inventoried Roadless Area and road construction/reconstruction was allowed on about 61,000 acres. Under the new rule, these activities will no longer be permitted except for circumstances that fall under the exceptions listed in the rule.

Full information on the final roadless conservation rule is available at www.roadless.fs.fed.us.

Revised Forest Service Planning Regulations

On November 9, 2000, the Forest Service published the final revised regulations implementing the National Forest Management Act of 1976. A revision to the regulations was originally initiated in 1991. In 1997, the Secretary of Agriculture convened a 13-member Committee of Scientists to review the Forest Service planning process and offer recommendations for improvements. The final regulations were based on the Committee's report to the Secretary (the Committee conducted more than 20 public meetings throughout the country during their deliberations) and public comments on the proposed rule that was published in 1999.

Three key features of the revised regulations are:

- Sustainability – the revised regulations establish sustainability, ecological, economic and social, as a basis for National Forest management.
- Collaboration – the revised regulations encourage greater public collaboration in all phases of planning and management of National Forest System resources. National Forest managers can be expected to engage in a variety of collaborations as part of planning and implementing programs on the National Forests.
- Science – the revised regulation requires the use of best available science to provide sound information on which to base resource management recommendations and decisions. The regulation provides for independent scientific review during land management plan revisions.

The planning regulations will apply to all future Forest Plan amendment and revisions, except for those plan revisions that will be completed within the next six months and for some Forests that are midway through a revision process. The Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan was implemented in August 1990. At this time, it is anticipated that a revision of that plan will be initiated in 2003-2004.

For Your Information

REGIONS 5 AND 6
(CALIFORNIA/WASHINGTON/OREGON)

Survey and Manage Decision Made

On January 12, 2001, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the US fish and Wildlife Service announced the signing of a Record of Decision by the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to amend the "Survey and Manage" provisions in the Northwest Forest Plan. These amendments were made through a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that was issued on November 24, 2000. The decision clarifies Survey and Manage language by eliminating inconsistent or redundant direction, better identifies species needs based on updated information, and establishes a process for adding or removing species when new information becomes available.

Specifically the amended Survey and Manage provisions will:

- Remove 72 species from the Survey and Manage in all (63 species) or in part (9 species) or their range. Included are 18 fungi, 35 lichen, 11 bryophytes, 2 mollusks, and 6 vascular plants.
- Assign the remaining 346 species to one of six categories based on knowledge and concerns about the species and characteristics affecting practicality of conducting surveys prior to habitat-disturbing activities.
- Manage known sites for 327 species.
- Pre-disturbance surveys will be done for 75 species.
- Strategic surveys to gather additional information about the status and extent of all 346 species will be conducted.

The decision will become effective 30 days after signature. The Record of Decision is available on the BLM Oregon State Office website at, www.or.blm.gov.

FOREST-WIDE

Land Feature Name Change

In response to requests from members of local tribes to pursue several land feature name changes, Forest staff continue to collaborate with representatives of the Grand Ronde, Klamath, Siletz and Warm Springs tribes of Oregon to develop proposals for alternative names for three features on the Forest that currently have the name "Squaw." Some members of these tribes are descendents of native inhabitants of the areas so named. This term is racially derogatory and offensive to many people. Meetings, field trips and consultation with tribal representatives are on-going. Public input is welcome as well. We anticipate submitting the proposal for the name changes to the Oregon Board of Geographic Names (OBGN) in the spring of 2001. If approved, implementation of the name changes may be a year or more away as the OBGN, in turn, refers the proposal to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, which holds the authority for final approval.

Contact: Roseanne Lestenkof or Catherine Lindberg, Supervisor's Office

Safety on Forest Roads

Due to reduced budgets, road maintenance such as brushing and grading is not as frequent as it has been in the past. Therefore, we urge you to use an extra measure of caution when driving on Forest Service roads.

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

Vandalism on Federal Lands

If you witness any acts of vandalism, destruction, or unauthorized gathering of forest products, please contact the nearest Ranger District or the Willamette National Forest in Eugene (541) 465-6865.

For Your Information

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS (cont.)

Release of Names

The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215.

Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how FOIA permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

Water Quality Management Plans

Detroit RD.

The District has prepared a draft Water Quality Management Plan for Blowout Creek within the North Santiam watershed. This stream has been identified by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in their 1998 "Section 303(d) list of Water Quality Limited Streams." The Blowout Creek stream system is found above the Detroit Reservoir and is currently listed due to stream temperature that exceed standards.

The draft plan has been submitted to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for review.

Completion: Spring 2001

Contact: Dave Halemeier

Owl Creek Special Habitat Area Plan

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5,S.24.

An Implementation Guide for the Owl Creek Special Habitat Area is being developed. This project is in the Horse Creek Watershed.

Completion: Fall 2001

Contact: Lisa Lyon

Peregrine Falcon Management Plan

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed.

Develop a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for Breitenbush.

Completion: Winter 2001

Contact: Daryl Whitmore

Quartzville Watershed Analysis

**Sweet Home RD, T10S,R4&5E; T11S,R4E;
T11S,R5E; T12S,R4&5E.**

This is a joint project between Salem BLM and Forest Service.

Completion: FY 2001

Contact: Doug Shank

Gold Butte Lookout Stabilization/ Rehabilitation

Detroit RD

Work on the stabilization and rehabilitation of Gold Butte Lookout continue. Both the access road and the building itself will be closed to public use while the work progresses. It is anticipated that the project will be completed sometime in 2002.

Contact: Cara Kelly

For Your Information

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS (cont.)

West Portal Facility, McKenzie-Santiam Scenic Byway

McKenzie RD

Construction on the McKenzie-Santiam Scenic Byway West Portal Facility has been ongoing since April of 2000. The addition to the McKenzie Ranger District office includes a new 2,031 square foot visitor reception area with restrooms, a 1,370 square foot administrative office space addition, expanded visitor parking, and improved land-

scaping. The visitor entrance features a cathedral ceiling with exposed native timber columns and laminated beams. Incorporated into the design are native stone floors and interior and exterior stone masonry veneer. New windows and siding on the existing building will compliment the visitor entrance and administrative addition. The entire office facility has also received a new roof.

The addition of refuge and left turn lanes to Hwy 126, which will address traffic safety issues, will begin in March.

Portal completion is another phase of the byway plan. Planning and interim portal work began seven years ago. The project is funded with partnership monies from the Federal Highway Administration, Oregon Department of Transportation, grants, and the Forest Service. Partnership contributions represent 30 percent of the total project costs.

The gateway portal will serve visitors to both the McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway and the West Cascades National Scenic Byway. Completion is scheduled for April 2001.

Contact: Stacey Smith



**Left: Cathedral ceiling with massive beams accented by detailed metal connectors.
Below: Entrance of West Portal.
Bottom left: Close-up of chandelier in entrance.**



Current Projects

SOPA Quarters

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Timing of Decisions

The projected decision dates in the following sections are best estimates based on predicted funding, weather conditions, project priorities, and overall scheduling of work. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect these changes as accurately as possible as we update the Forest Focus each quarter.

BLUE RIVER

ROAD USE

Hardy Access and Travel Management

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,S.6,7,18,19,29-33;
T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The District will be starting an assessment of the road system in conjunction with timber sale planning within the Hardy analysis area this fall. We are currently gathering input on public use of the area. This analysis will consider balancing current funding levels available for road maintenance with needs for administrative and public access, and to provide alternative strategies to address road and trail management within this area.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rick Ley or John Phillips

Access and Travel Management Blue River

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.25,26,27,28.

Access and travel management planning in the Minor Thin project area is underway. Projects under consideration include closing roads to minimize big game harassment and minimize the spread of noxious weeds.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Rick Ley

ERFO Road Repairs

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Repair and/or realign approximately 20 short segments of damaged roads caused by the 1999 flood events throughout the District. Accomplishment will be by contract and/or force account crews.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Ley, Kenny Gabriel, or Lowell Nelson

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R5E AMA.

The District is planning the transportation needs within the Blue River Adaptive Management Area (AMA) in Cook and Quentin Creek subdrainage. Possible treatments could include reconstruction, re-alignment, storage and decommissioning of existing roads within the planning area. The objective of the planning effort is to provide an effective and safe transportation system for the public and Forest Service while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: John Phillips

SILVICULTURE

Big Game Repellent

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Hand application of Big Game Repellent to approximately 200 acres of young conifer plantations, to control big game browse damage to young seedlings. Approximately 180 acres are located within the Long Term Ecosystem Productivity study area.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: May 2001

Contact: Bill Beardsley

Pruning 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Conifer tree pruning would occur on approximately 200 acres of young conifer stands. Riparian Reserves will not be pruned. The pruning operation would involve pruning conifer branches from 70 to 110 trees per acre to heights of 17.5 feet and 26.0 feet.

Selectively prune crop trees to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine by removing

the lower branches sooner than they would naturally fall off, pruning can produce higher quality lumber allowing clear wood to form sooner. Pruning also increases fire resistance by removing "fuel ladders." Light beneath the tree canopy that enhances grass and forage production for wildlife habitat will be increased through the pruning process. Pruning may also reduce the incidence of foliage diseases, such as Swiss Needle Cast, that thrive in humid environments.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2001

Implementation: April 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

Aerial Fertilization 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 600 acres of managed stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2001

Implementation: October 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

TSI-Brushing/Conifer release 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E;S.27.

Conifer and hardwood seedlings will be manually released from competing brush species in one 27 acre young plantation. In Riparian Reserves, cutting will take place up to within 5 feet of the streambank of any scoured or wetted channel. Crop tree release from brush species will ensure survival and enhance growth potential of seedling by reducing competition, to produce larger conifer and hardwood trees. Release also will produce new sprouts for forage habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

Current Projects

SILVICULTURE (cont.)

Precommercial Thin 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Precommercially thin (PCT) approximately 1,100 acres by selectively cutting excess trees leaving a variety of healthy hardwood and conifer species. PCT will enhance the growth potential of hardwoods and conifers and accelerate the development of multilayered stands with large trees and diverse plant communities. Hardwoods will not be thinned within 10 feet of stream channels.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

TIMBER SALES

Minor Thin

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.26,27,28,33,34,35.

This project analyzes all acres that are ready to be commercially thinned in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed. Two action alternatives have been developed. Alternative #2 proposes to thin approximately 380 acres. Alternative #3 proposes to thin 180 acres. Road management will be reviewed and approximately five miles of road will be closed.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White and Karen Geary

Hardy Timber Sale

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,S.6,7,18,19,29-33; T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The Hardy Timber Sale Project area has been expanded to include Cougar sixth field subdrainage with the Hardy sixth field subdrainage. Approximately 1,500 acres will be reviewed for potential thinning and final harvest within the Hardy and Cougar subdrainages. Road construction may be needed to access these proposed harvest areas. An Access and Travel

Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Teiva White or Karen Geary

Wolfmann Projects

Blue River RD, Blue River Watershed, AMA.

The "Bear Thin" and "Mann Regen" timber sales have been analyzed and documented in a draft Environmental Impact Statement called "Wolfmann Projects." Timber harvest includes approximately 800 acres of commercial thinning and approximately 240 acres of regeneration harvest. The proposed harvest follows the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. There is also a proposal for prescribed fire on approximately 180 acres.

Status: Public comment period for DEIS ended May 3, 1999

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Karen Geary

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Blue River Watershed Fish Passage

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R4&5E, AMA.

Three culverts in the Blue River Watershed are currently barriers to upstream passage of rainbow and cutthroat trout. This project proposes to change the stream crossings in order to provide passage. The three streams are Ore Creek (T15S, R4E, Sec 25), Mann Creek (T15S, R5E, Sec 36), and an un-named tributary of Blue River near Mann Creek (T14S, R5E, Sec 35).

Status: Analysis

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ray Rivera



Current Projects

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

Blue River RD, T17S,R4E,S.16.

Project involves culvert replacement to accommodate a 100-year flood flow in Coffee Creek, which is a tributary of Quartz Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Ramon Rivera

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz

Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E S.10,15,14,22,23; T17S,R6E S.16&21.

Early Stand Diversity Thinning proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on 150 acres of 15- to 25-year-old stands in the Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late-Successional Reserves. The purpose of this project is to accelerate the development of future late-successional habitat conditions that consist of large conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation, and increased structural complexity. Leave tree selection will be based on the healthiest hardwoods and conifers. Excess trees will be cut using variable spacing and diversity enhancing techniques such as small gaps, clumps, open grown trees, and clusters of open grown trees. True-fir boughs or trees that have been cut may be removed and sold after the thinning to reduce implementation cost.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

WILDLIFE

Browse Cutback 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 55 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris



Forage Seeding 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to hand seed 20 acres with native grass and legumes to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Wildlife Tree Release in Riparian Reserves 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R6E,S.32.

Wildlife Tree Release proposes to create 47 open grown trees in three previously thinned 20- to 26-year-old conifer stands by releasing the trees to a 30 foot radius around the leave tree. The open grown trees will be created within riparian reserves at least 50 feet from streams. Creating open grown trees in the riparian reserves of a unique wildlife habitat area will accelerate the development of larger conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation, and increased structural complexity to increase bird and mammal populations.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Cavity Creation 2001

Blue River RD, T15S,R6ES6.

This project proposes to enhance tree structure and habitat for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species in uniform mature stands that lack diversity. Approximately 13 trees will be cut and inoculated with stem decay for cavity starts, bat roosts, log dens, and hollows.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

WILDLIFE (cont.)

Elk Thin Project

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S.25-26; T18S,R51/2E,S.28-33.

Commercial thin in a Special Wildlife Habitat Area. Thin approximately 100 acres of 40-year-old stands to provide forage and accelerate the development of optimal thermal habitat for big game and late-successional forest species. Enhance deer and elk forage by native grass seeding, fertilization, browse cutback in plantations, and salt and mineral block placement. Enhance overall habitat values for species using snags and down woody material by inoculating, girdling, and falling trees, as well as other tree enhancement work. Control noxious weeds, eradicate roads, and create slash piles. Located in French Pete Inventoried Roadless Area. Only existing roads would be used.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Karen Geary or Ruby Seitz

Research—H.J. Andrews Soil Study Herbicide Application

Blue River RD, T15S, R5E, S28.

As part of a national soil ecosystem study, scientists from Oregon State University propose to manually apply small doses of commercially available, highly biodegradable herbicide on an as-needed basis to control competing vegetation on six small (10m x 15m) plots in the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. The purpose of the study is to assess the importance of aboveground and belowground inputs of carbon to carbon and nitrogen cycling and retention in forest soils. Results will improve understanding of how soils respond to changes in climate and in response to forest practices. No long-term or off-site effects are expected.

Status: Scoping underway

Decision: May 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Vicki Schmidt, John Cissel, Jim Mayo

DETROIT

FACILITIES

Detroit RD Office Replacement

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.3.

The proposed project would construct a new office building on the existing administrative site located on State Highway 22, one mile west of the town of Detroit. Presently, district office functions are carried out in a combination of three separate permanent buildings and attached modular structures. The permanent structures are nearly 50 years old. The structures have been remodeled many times yet several features do not meet current standards and demands. These include wiring, insulation, heating plants, roofs, plumbing, and accessibility. Design features, age and condition of the structures result in high operation and maintenance costs and preclude any feasible reconstruction alternatives to meet standards and needs. This proposal would construct a single building with space for all office functions.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Stephanie Phillips

RECREATION

Crag-South Breitenbush Connector Trail

Detroit RD, T9S,R7E,S.36.

In 1998 a new parking area was constructed to jointly serve South Breitenbush Trail 3375 and Crag Trail 3364. This proposal would construct approximately 1/4 mile of connecting trail from the parking area to each of these trails. Trail construction would require brushing, limbing, pruning, and removal of some saplings for clearance and establishment of standard trail tread, drainage structures, and some turnpike tread.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

Detroit RD, T10S,R7E,S.8.

The proposed project would construct a formal parking/turnaround area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3442. Presently, there is inadequate room for parking and turning around such vehicles. Parking is haphazard in the ditch line and on adjacent vegetation resulting in resource damage. This project would develop a formal parking and turnaround area approximately 40'X50' in size, 200 feet from the start of the trail. The proposed site is within an existing harvested unit and would not require removal of any mature timber. Improvement work would include leveling and rocking a parking/turnaround area, installation of stock rails and signing.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.7,17,18.

The proposed project will reconstruct approximately two miles of trail within Mt. Jefferson Wilderness between Hunt's Cove and the Pacific Crest Trail near Cathedral Rocks. The project will include reconstruction of existing trail and installing drainage and slope stabilization structures (turnpikes, puncheon, etc.) along with some trail relocation.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

ROADS

ERFO Site Repair

Detroit RD, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

Repair roads damaged by flooding. Work may include replacing damaged culverts, replacing

lost road fill, realigning roads, resurfacing roads with aggregate or asphalt, and possibly constructing retaining walls. Sites will be repaired by force account crew or by contracting.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002, pending funding

Contact: Karen Ladd

KV Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2002 Through 2004

Detroit RD, Various locations within the Upper North Santiam River drainage.

Approximately 12 miles per year are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated using KV funding. These roads have low to no use, and are dead-end roads that were built for logging purposes. The purpose of this project is for watershed restoration.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: FY 2002 through FY 2004

Contact: Dave Klug

KV Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2001

Detroit RD, Various Locations within Whitewater and Breitenbush Watersheds.

Approximately 12 miles of road are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated using KV funding. They have low to no use, and are dead-end roads that were built for logging purposes. The purpose of this project is for watershed restoration.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Dave Klug or Jim Windsor



Current Projects

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Precommercial Thinning and Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.

The intent of this project is to cut trees 5 inches diameter at breast height and less to a prescribed density of about 300 trees per acre, leaving the biggest and best tree of all species growing on the site. Areas treated for precommercial thinning will also treat western white pine with tree bole pruning to control blister rust disease from killing the trees. Proposed project is 2,500 acres.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.

The intent of this project is to prune 500 acres of trees to improve timber quality and forest health. Pruning will be done on about 100 trees per acre, with a pruning height of 9 feet or 18 feet depending on the stand heights. Pruning species priority will be Douglas fir and western white pine. All western white pine will be pruned to prevent blister rust disease from killing the trees.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Aerial Fertilization

Detroit RD, primarily within the North Santiam drainage.

Aerial application of urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 1,800 acres of managed stands, usually 3 to 70 years of age.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mark Stewart or Dave Leach

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Special Forest Product Sales FY 2001

Detroit RD, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

Harvest boughs and Christmas trees from 1,000 acres of 10 to 40 year old managed stands. This project would harvest boughs and Christmas trees and also utilize other products growing on the sites. Other products to be harvested within these areas would be species of plants and trees that will resprout after harvest and/or be less than four inches in diameter. The following list of species are proposed for this type of removal: Bear grass, salal, sword fern, manzanita, scotch broom, huckleberry, madrone, chinquapin, willow, alder, maple, rhododendron, ceanothus, and vine maple. Harvest would be by hand methods with materials carried to existing roads.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

TIMBER SALES

Sugar Pine

Detroit RD, T8S,R6E,S.34; T9S, R6E, S.2,3,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16.

The objective of this project is to improve the survival and regeneration of selected sugar pine trees by reducing bark beetle mortality caused by competition for moisture and nutrients from adjacent trees. This project would remove identified competing trees through a combination of shelterwood and commercial thinning treatments, primarily removing smaller trees and understory. Underburning of the stand following tree removal would also restore the treatment area to a more historical condition characterized by a short fire return interval. Approximately 250 acres would be treated in which about 160 sugar pine trees have been identified. This project is located in East Humbug and Fox Creek drainages.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dave Leach

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Shore Nuf Timber Sale

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E; T10S,R6E; T11S,R5E, several sections.

This project will primarily address commercial thinning opportunities in the Detroit Tribs Watershed Analysis Area. Some regeneration harvest may be proposed to treat root rot pockets within commercial thinning stands. Some temporary road construction and road reconstruction may be necessary to access harvest units. Helicopter logging is also under consideration. Opportunities to decommission unnecessary system and non-system roads will be reviewed as well. The project will contribute to harvest targets for the FY2001 program. An EIS will be prepared for this project. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2000.

Status: Analysis Documentation

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Jim Romero or Rod Stewart



Timber salvage and density management of trees in the proposed Shore Nuf Timber Sale.

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Reservoir Shore Reveg—Mt. Jefferson Scenic Overlook

Detroit RD, T.10S,R.05E, S.10.

The proposal is to control wave erosion and revegetate portions of the rocky shore at the Mt. Jefferson Scenic Overlook, at the west end of Detroit Lake State Park. Work would involve adding rock structure and topsoil, planting wetland shrubs and grass/sedges, removal of noxious weeds, and planting native terrestrial shrubs and grass/forbs on the embankment below Highway 22. Enhancement of the recreational setting may include a hand railing, interpretive sign, and improved parking by expanding the parking area.

Status: Initial Scoping

Decision: Summer, 2001

Implementation: Fall, 2001

Contact: David Klug or Dani Rosetti

French Creek Large Wood Placement Project

Detroit RD, T.09S, R.05E., S. 21, 26, 27, 28 and 35.

The proposal is to place large woody material (LWM) along approximately 3 miles of French Creek. LWM will improve the quality of aquatic habitat for resident trout and potential anadromous fish. Logs would be skidded and trucked from the reservoir to drop points along French Creek Road 2223. A walking backhoe would move and place them instream. Proposal would stockpile logs in 2001, and place logs in streams in 2002.

Status: Initial Scoping

Decision: Spring, 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes

OPAL Creek Wilderness Road Decommissioning

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E,S.24,26&32 and T9S,R5E, S.17.

The proposed project consists of closing and stabilizing approximately 8 miles of roads located in the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness

Current Projects

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

through decommissioning or obliteration activities. Roads will likely be decommissioned which would involve the following activities: permanently blocking access, removing culverts, placing drain dips, and planting native vegetation. Some road segments may be converted to trail routes pending completion of the transportation plans for the Opal Creek SRA and Opal Creek Wilderness. If obliteration becomes the preferred option, this would involve contouring roads back to their preexisting condition. Roads that are being considered for decommissioning or obliteration include: Roads 2207-130, 157, 159, 160, 165, 167, 169, Road 2209-301, and several non-system access roads.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Karen Ladd

Devils Creek Fish Habitat Structure Maintenance

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed, T9S,R7E, S.20.

Repair five flood-damaged structures in the 1992 Devils Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project adjacent to Devils Creek summer homes. The objectives are to stabilize and protect eroding stream banks by placing rock with a walking backhoe/excavator to restore quality fish habitat.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: David Klug

East Hum Unit #5 Slide & Stream Restoration

Detroit RD, T9S,R6E,S.2.

The proposed project will stabilize slide activities within the East Hum Timber Sale Unit #5, (harvested in 1995). Stabilization projects include installing drainage structures, adding large woody material, and terracing of slopes and stream banks. Straw mulch and erosion-mix seed will be applied and a diversity of tree species will

be planted to all bare soil areas in the unit and on the stream banks of the perennial stream inside the unit.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Dave Klug

MCKENZIE

AIR QUALITY

Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

McKenzie RD, T14S, R6E, Section 36.

Approximately 7.2 acres surrounding the existing Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station are currently allocated as 11c-Scenic-Partial Retention Middle Ground from the Willamette Forest Plan. This area would be re-allocated as 13b-Forest Service Administrative Use Area to facilitate ongoing activities required to maintain the operational functionality of the site. Activities may include removal of approximately 35 trees that are currently obstructing station operations.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dave Kretzing

BOTANY

Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

McKenzie RD, T15S,R7E,S10.

This 60-acre project would remove mostly understory and midstory trees that have invaded the once-open areas and altered the high, dry meadow environment.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Nancy Wilson

Current Projects

LANDS AND MINERALS

Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5E,S.13&14.

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest Lands. Land owners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act which could result in the sale of small parcels to the adjacent landowners involved.

Status: Investigation, notification and scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Reconstruction of West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road

McKenzie RD, AMA, T16S,R5E,S.16.

Lane County and local residents propose to rebuild the West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road. The historical bridge is on National Forest land under Lane County supervision. Project has received funding through matching Federal Highway funds. The District will prepare an environmental assessment to evaluate the effects of the County's pending proposal.

Status: Awaiting County Proposal

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Al Brown

RECREATION

Fish Lake Planning Project

McKenzie RD, T13S,R6E,S.29,30,31,32. Environmental analysis began this spring to evaluate alternatives for a development plan for the enhancement and management of the Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposed developments may include a scenic byway interpretive wayside, and enhancement, relocation and/or rehabilitation of existing developed campground, dispersed camping area, and

McKenzie River National Recreation Trail Trailhead. A Special Interest Area Implementation Guide, as required in the 1990 Land and Resource Management Plan, will also be completed for the Fish Lake Special Interest Area as part of this planning effort.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: 2002 through 2003

Contact: Stacey Smith

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Aerial Fertilization

McKenzie RD, AMA, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 1,100 acres of managed stands. The stands proposed for treatment are primarily located in the Boulder Creek, Deer Creek, and Ollalie Creek drainages.

Status: Scoping

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: October 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands to enhance growth, vigor, and stand health. Approximately 1,820 acres located throughout the McKenzie district are proposed for treatment. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years, depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley



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SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Conifer Release

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Release conifer seedlings from competition with brush in young plantations. Project areas include approximately 252 acres located throughout the McKenzie Ranger District. Treatment will ensure survival and enhance growth potential by reducing competition for sunlight, water, and soil nutrients. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years.

Status: Analysis Completed

Decision: April 2001

Implementation: June 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Highway 126 Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands along State Highway 126 corridor to enhance growth and for visual quality. Approximately 10 acres along the highway are proposed for treatment.

Status: Scoping

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley



Conifer Pruning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Selectively prune crop trees on approximately 1,100 acres of young conifer stands to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine. The stands proposed for treatment are located in various areas throughout the McKenzie Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next two years depending upon the availability of funding.

Status: Analysis Completed

Decision: 2001

Implementation: September 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

SPECIAL USES

Replacement of Buried Electric Cable

McKenzie RD, T16S,R6E,S.13,14,23,24.

Proposal to replace existing buried electric cable along a portion of State Highway 242.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Special Use Permits

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

The District periodically issues permits for miscellaneous special uses such as weddings, filming and photography, noncommercial group use, and special events.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Kathy Keable

TIMBER SALES

Spot Salvage

McKenzie RD, Various locations.

This project would salvage primarily standing dead trees adjacent to state and federal highways and primary district roads. This District-wide project is estimated to produce 200 mbf of timber.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rita Mustatia

TwoBee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie RD, AMAT13S,R6,7E; T14S,R6,7E; T15S,R6,7S.

Proposed actions for this landscape management project include timber harvest of approximately 1,000 acres with commercial thinning, selective partial harvest and regeneration harvest; road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements;

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TIMBER SALES (cont.)

and introduction of fire for habitat improvement and natural fuels reduction. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on June 29, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in Fall 2001.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Norm Michaels or Al Brown

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER GUIDE

McGillicuddy's Outpost

Middle Fork RD

A Special Use Permit was requested by Miles Stumbaugh for mountain bike Outfitter/Guide services on various trails and roads across the District. This is the second year of operation.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Adventures

Middle Fork RD & McKenzie RD

Rand Dreiling requested an Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permit for mountain biking and day hiking utilizing various trails and Forest Service roads. This is 3rd year of operations.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Spring/Summer 2001.

Contact: Sandra Melinder



Family Outback Fly Fishing School

Middle Fork RD, Gold Lake, T22S,R6E, Sec.29&30.

Jerry von Schimmeimann is requesting a Special Use permit for day guiding fly fishing instructions utilizing Gold Lake.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: June 2001.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

River City Fly Shop

Middle Fork RD

Gene Thomasco is requesting a Special Use Permit for fly fishing (boat and wading) from Hills Creek to Dexter on National Forest land year round.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: April or May 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site, Snow-Play Expansion, and Gondola over Highway

Middle Fork RD, T6E,R23S,Sec.5.

This project proposes an expansion of the existing snow-play site by approximately two acres, along with the creation of a two-acre water storage pond for existing snow-making operations and installation of a gondola to transport site users from the parking lot on the south side of the highway to the lodge on the north side of the highway. Approximately five acres of mature forest would be cleared. Removed trees not needed for National Forest improvements would be sold.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2001

Contact: Gary Marsh

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

Middle Fork RD

In 1998, the district began a user-group consensus process to develop strategies around seven longstanding resource issues connected with recreation use at Waldo Lake. The seven issues include Charlton Tie Road development, lakeside site impacts, recreation emphasis/setting for the lake surface, boat motor use, outfitter/guide permit levels, non-native fish populations, and snowmobile access off roadways.

In 1999, a set of recommendations was presented to the forest by the user group subcommittee of the Willamette PAC. Five of the seven issue recommendations received consensus support of subcommittee members present at the time they were crafted. The other two issues recommendations received majority support.

In 2000, the district carried these recommendations through the general public planning process. Public meetings were held in Eugene and Oakridge that summer to kick-off public scoping and introduce preliminary alternatives.

Additional information on this project can be found on the forest website at (www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette). To have your name placed on the project mailing list, please contact the Middle Fork Ranger District.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jim Williams (Middle Fork) or Brian McGinley (Sweet Home)

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Grey Water Disposal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R6E,S.9&16; T22S,R6E,S.6. Analyzing alternatives for disposing of gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - South Willamette/Lawler Trail

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.19,29,30.

Reconstruction of South Willamette/Lawler Trail.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction Cloverpatch-Tire Mountain Tie

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.15,22.

Reconstruction of trail connecting Cloverpatch and Tire Mountain Trails.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Waldo Road Sno-Park

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5,1/2E,S.35.

Develop an alternate sno-park to replace the current facility at the Waldo Lake junction. Construct a toilet facility and snow play area adjacent to the new sno-park.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Funding dependent

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - Fall Creek Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,23,24; T18S,R4E,S.18,19.

Reconstruction of approximately five miles of the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Trail Reconstruction - Huggin' Tree Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,27.

Reconstruction a portion of the old trail from Fall Creek to Gold Point.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

ROAD USE

Puma Fire Project

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,Sec.25,26&36.

Rehabilitate the Puma Fire area to provide for user safety along Road #1800 and #1825 and adjacent to the Puma Campground and dispersed recreation sites. The proposal will likely include falling of hazard trees, removal of tree boles for use in other restoration projects, fuel hazard reduction activities, revegetation activities, repair of Puma Campground and dispersed recreation sites, and maintenance of roads #1800 and #1825.

Status: Scoping

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Access and Travel Management Plan (ATM)

Middle Fork District

Middle Fork RD

The Middle Fork Access and Travel Management Plan is being developed by subwatershed (nine subwatersheds on the Middle Fork District). The Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM EA was completed in the Spring of 1999 and the project is currently in consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Currently, the District is working on the North Fork and Lower Middle Fork ATM. The analysis order and dates for the other subwatersheds have not yet been established.

Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM

Status: EA completed Spring 1999

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Bill Pack, D'Lynn Williams

North Fork Upper/Lower Middle Fork ATM EA (combination of several former ATM projects)

Middle Fork RD

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed for each area to determine the appropriate level of use for existing roads, trails, and water surfaces in these drainages. A public meeting was held and we are in the process of gathering issues.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Terri Jones or D'Lynn Williams

Road Use

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, Sec.15.

The Moons are requesting a 5-year private road special use permit to access their property.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter/Spring 2001

Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E,S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin is requesting use of National Forest land to access her property. Access to her property from Highway 58 is unsafe due to the high volume of traffic and no safe turn-off space.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation:

Spring 2001

Contact: Sandra

Melinder



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ROAD USE (cont.)

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5E,S.21,27.

Brian Neal is requesting utilization of National Forest land to access his property via two roads. His property is completely surrounded by National Forest land.

Status: Ongoing analysis

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.26.

Cedric L. Hayden is requesting use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul. There will be no new ground disturbance as the road is in place (permit issued in 1991). This permit would be for five years.

Status: Documentation Complete

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Stand Density Management

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Stand density management of young stands (age range 10 to 20 years) is proposed at various locations throughout the District. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment may occur in Late Successional Reserves or riparian reserves when density management benefits their objectives. Proposed treatment acreage will range between 2,500 to 3,500 acres. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Pruning

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Pruning of young stands (age range from 15 to 50 years) is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are in Matrix lands and not in Late Successional Reserves or riparian reserves. Approximately 1,500 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Cone Survey and Collection

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Propose cone survey and collection within .5 miles of pre-identified select tree locations throughout the district. Select tree locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. Bushels of cones collected will be based upon yearly cone production and seed needs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Fertilization of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late Successional Reserves. Approximately 7,836 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

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SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Beargrass Harvest

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Harvest of 25,000 pounds of beargrass leaves.
Only 30% of the above-ground vegetation would be harvested.

Status: Analysis
Decision: Fall 2001
Implementation: Fall 2001
Contact: Dennis Beckner

SPECIAL USES

Silviculture

Middle Fork RD
Daniels & Associates are requesting a one year Special Use Permit for tree breeding operations on the Middle Fork and McKenzie Seed Orchards.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Winter/Spring 2001
Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R3E, Sec. 3.
Frog Hollar Primitive Rendezvous requesting a Special Use Permit for annual rendezvous event includes competitions, demonstrations, and contests.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2001
Implementation: Upon signing of Decision.
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Emerald Empire Sports Car Club

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, Sec. 32-34.
Car club is requesting annual Special Use Permit for sports car hill climb on Forest Service road 2102.

Status: ongoing
Decision: Spring 2001
Implementation: July 2001
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Fat Tire Festival

Middle Fork RD

Miles Stumbaugh is requesting an annual Special Use Permit for mountain bike races utilizing national forest trails and roads.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring/Summer 2001
Implementation: August 2001
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Fur Takers Rendezvous

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R6E, Sec. 6.
Request for an annual Special Use Permit for rendezvous activity utilizing Shadow Bay Reservation area and Beach Cove area in loop for canoe races.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Summer 2001
Implementation: August 2001
Contact: Sandra Melinder

City of Westfir Water Tank and Distribution Lines

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R4E, S7.
Renewal of five year Special Use Permit for a new water tank and distribution lines for water system for city of Westfir.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2001
Implementation: Spring 2001
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R2E, Sec.12; T21S, R3E, Sec.15.
The District proposes to dispose of five rental houses for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. These houses are from 60 to 70 years old and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to sell and remove the houses from their current sites. They are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the

Current Projects

SPECIAL USES (cont.)

western end of the City of Westfir.

Status: Scoping

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: September 2001

Contact: Tim Bailey

Building Occupancy

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.21.

Oakridge Lions Club has requested renewal of a special use permit to occupy the eastern portion of Forest Service Building #2006 for storage of hospital equipment. This request changes an annual permit to a five-year permit.

Status: Analysis complete

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder



Oregon Department of Transportation Storage Areas

Middle Fork RD, Highway 58, Mile posts 38.81, 47.70, 58-54.

Issue new revised permit for three storage areas for highway materials and debris.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Middle Fork RD

Permitting special uses (ex. weddings, filming, apiary locations, etc.) as requested throughout the year.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

TIMBER SALES

Aufda Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.

Regeneration harvest and reforestation of about 150 acres of mature timber.

Status: Field Survey and Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.

Approximately 3.6 MMBF of regeneration harvest with reforestation and approximately 5.6 MMBF of commercial thinning. Estimated road construction is as follows: 0.5 miles of system road, and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Alternative Development and Analysis

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Chalk Creek Timber Sale Project

Middle Fork RD, T19&20S, R3E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres (estimated 10 MMBF). Additional activities included in this project are: Fuel reduction, reforestation, road maintenance, commercial thinning (approximately 700 acres/estimated 6 MMBF), minor temporary road construction, and road decommissioning. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on July 28, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in September 2002.

Status: Alternative Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: June 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Jump Up Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E.

Project proposes regeneration and thinning harvest of about 12.0 MMBF, reforestation of regeneration harvest areas, construction of about 0.5 miles of road, construction of portions of the North Fork trail, and potentially some stream channel improvement work in permanent streams within the planning area.

Status: Alternative development & analysis

Decision: October 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Giggle Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24&25S,R4&5E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 370 acres producing an estimated 8 MMBF of timber. There will be approximately 2.2 miles of road construction and about 7.25 miles of road closure.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: September 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Julep Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T22&23S,R4&5E.

Approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may create an opening larger than 60 acres. An opening of 86 acres is under consideration to reduce fragmentation.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Ursus Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,S.3,6,7,10,14,17,21,23.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 140 acres yielding an estimated 5 MMBF of timber. Unit design may result in created openings exceeding the Regional Guide size limitation. Size limita-

tions may be exceeded in cases where other resource objectives are being met, such as minimizing fragmentation of remaining old growth blocks. No new road construction is anticipated.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Brush Creek Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.7-9&16-20.

Regeneration harvest of about 100 acres of timber and commercial thinning of approximately 75 acres of managed plantations. Associated activities include road construction, road maintenance and about 4.0 miles of road closures.

Status: Decision pending

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Windy Cabin Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.25,26,34-36;
T19S,R3E,S.30,31; T20S,R2E,S.1-3,10-12;
T20S,R3E,S.5-8.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres of timber and commercial thinning of about 600 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 15 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis and Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Bear Tire Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.22-27.

Salvage of windfallen trees along the 5826 road system.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Spring Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R.5E,S15,S.16,21,22,&23, T.25S,R5E,S.1,2,3,4,11,&12.

The proposal includes regeneration harvest retaining variable levels of tree retention. Retention levels range from 20%-50% in regeneration units. Thinning of mature stands in combination with regeneration harvest will yield 6 to 8 MMBF of timber. In one alternative, restoration opportunities combined with stand conditions guide selection of harvest and management areas.

Examples of restoration opportunities that can be funded via the timber sale include riparian large wood placement, fisheries enhancement, recreation trail repair, hardening of dispersed recreation sites, road closure, road reconstruction, culvert replacement, hydrologic decommissioning of roads, browse cut-back, pre-commercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Winberry Mountain Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E.

Salvage of windfallen trees on and adjacent to Forest Road 1802-150 and spurs, yielding about 150 CCF.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Cardiac Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E,S.16.

Salvage of approximately 200 CCF from blown down trees adjacent to Forest Road 5871-373.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Dome Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,Sec.6,7,18,19.

Salvage of blown down trees (approximately 75 MBF) within the road prisms of FS Roads 2134, 5851, 2149, and associated spurs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Swift Creek Instream Placement and Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.29.

An instream structure placement project is planned to improve the habitat quality for aquatic species in Swift Creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

Hehe Creek Stream Rehabilitation and Watershed Restoration

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R5E,S.16,17,20,21.

Restoration project to improve aquatic habitat in this watershed.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

Finnwin Project

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.32,33. Enhance a one mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Current Projects

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

Hillbilly Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.6.

Enhance a one half mile stretch of Hills Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Buck Creek Culvert Replacement Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E,S.9.

Replace existing culvert with a bridge on FS Road 21 at Buck Creek to allow fish passage for resident and anadromous fish.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Doug Larson



WILDLIFE

Sourgrass Meadow Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD, T25S,R3E,S.6.

Proposed treatment of approximately one acre of encroached meadow habitat. Project consists of mechanical treatment by cutting, piling, and possibly burning saplings and small pole conifers that have become established in what was historically meadow habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

SWEET HOME

MINERALS

Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E,S.30. Middle Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District is starting a new Environmental Analysis and Plan of Operations for an existing mining claim. The current plan has expired and a new five-year plan is proposed. The purpose of the operation is to extract an abrasive mineral material known as emery from a small (about 30 by 80 feet) open pit.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

ROAD USE

Squaw Rock Source Expansion

Sweet Home RD, T14S,R5E,S.24, AMA, South Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District proposes to expand the size of Squaw Pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509. Clearing involves primarily brush and fire regenerated second growth, much of which has already been blown down. This expansion will provide several thousand cubic yards of high quality aggregate for road surfacing. Rehabilitation of older parts of the pit will also result.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Doug Shank

Current Projects

RECREATION

Lava Lake Sno-Park Horse Corral

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R7E,S.19,30.

Add a set of horse corrals just west of the snopark to give riders a convenient starting point for day rides on the Santiam Wagon road or trails in the Old Cascades.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Brian McGinley



SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Bough Sales

Sweet Home RD, Upper McKenzie, S. Santiam, Calapooia & Middle Santiam Watersheds.

Bough harvest units to occur on approximately 180 acres of 10- to 25-year-old conifer stands. Units are scattered throughout the district.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

SPECIAL USES

Sweet Home RD, District-wide

Permitting special uses as requested throughout the season.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input

Decision: As needed when requests are made

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Lupe Wilson

TIMBER SALES

Parks Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E,S.12,13 & 25; T13S,R7E,S.5,6,9,18.

Overstory removals of existing shelterwood and prelogged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres, providing approximately 4 MMBF.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001/2002

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

South Pyramid Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T12S,R6E,S.28-33; T12S,R5E,S.25.

Harvest of approximately 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Creek subdrainage. Harvest options to consider will include regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction may be necessary to access selected harvest units. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on August 2, 1999. A DEIS is scheduled for release in winter 2001.

Status: Writing Draft EIS

Decision: FY 2002

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Brian McGinley

Sheep Soda Thin

Sweet Home RD, AMA, South Santiam Watershed T13S,R5E,S.20,22,28,29.

Commercial thin about 600 acres of 35- to 45 year old managed stands. This area will also be reviewed for Special Forest Products.

Status: EA on hold for field surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Doug Shank

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

BOTANY

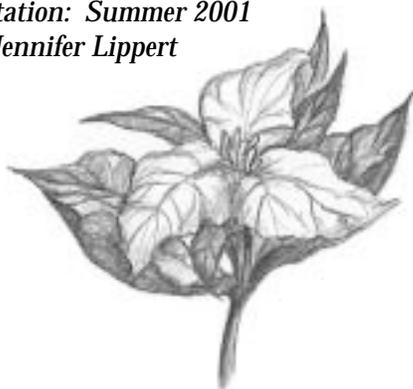
Sweet Home RD

Forest Service personnel have noted that some harvest of single leaves occurs while other harvesters take the entire center of the plant. This study is aimed at determining sustainable harvest levels and techniques, while learning more about the basic biology of the species. Three plots, 1/4 acre or less in size, have been chosen in the high Cascades. Data collected will include (a) basic vegetation community sampling, (b) ecological sampling—light, soil and (c) differing levels of harvest treatment (pull clip, control) at permanently marked plants.

Decision: Signed January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jennifer Lippert



LANDS AND MINERALS

Abandoned Mine Closures

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E,S.24;T8S,R5E,S.19,27,30. Several abandoned, underground mines are located along Forest Road #2209 in the Little North Fork drainage and currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. Specific hazards in and around the mines include unstable rock at the entrance and within the underground workings, rotting timbers and rusting metal, bad air, low oxygen levels, and deep water. The proposed project will permanently close a total of seven mines, with a combination of mechanical means (blasting, foam plugs, or iron gating). This project may be implemented over several years depending on the availability of funding.

Decision: January 8, 2000

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Jim Romero

OUTFITTER/GUIDES

Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions

Middle Fork RD and Bend/Crescent RD (Deschutes National Forest).

This multi-forest permit was prepared and monitored by the Middle Fork RD. The area covers the Waldo Lake Basin on the Middle Fork RD and extends from Highway 58 north to Charlton Lake and east from Charlton Lake to Highway 46 on the Bend/Crescent RD of the Deschutes NF. Request is for a five-year Special use Permit from October 2000 to June 2001 for at risk youth group camping.

Decision: November 28, 2000

Implementation: Immediately

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Saddle Dam Toilet Replacement

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S13.

Replace existing vault toilet with new precast concrete CXT toilet building; "Gunnison" style. This toilet serves the Saddle Dam Boat Ramp and Day Use area on Blue River Reservoir adjacent to Forest Road 15.

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: December 2000

Contact: Jeri Ledgerwood or Rick Ley

Kopetski Trail Bridge Replacement

Detroit RD, T8S,R5E,S.29.

The proposed project consists of replacing an existing footbridge over the Little North Santiam River, which accesses Opal Creek. The bridge is approximately 100 feet from the 2209 Road and is accessible by an old road, now part of the Kopetski Trail (also known as the Opal Creek Trail). The new bridge will be placed at the existing bridge location and will be approximately 80 feet in length.

Decision: December 8, 2000

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Dani Rosetti

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

RECREATION (cont.)

Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Mongold Day Use

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.16.

Oregon State Parks and Recreation proposed to construct two turn-around and parking areas at Mongold Day Use Area during low pool. The proposal will utilize the old road that was built during the construction of the dam. This road is currently being used for boat launching during reservoir draw down. However, it is extremely muddy and users risk getting stuck. This project will give the public an area to maneuver their boat and park without getting in the mud.

Decision: Categorically Excluded, no project file required.

Implementation: Fall 2000/Winter 2001

Contact: Penny Keen

Road Use Permit - Marion Forks Investment

Detroit RD, T10S,R6E,S16.

Marion Forks Investment requested use of National Forest Land to access their property for timber haul. The proposed road, located off Forest Service road 2233-505, would be approximately 150 feet in length and 20 feet in width. A Private Road Use Permit was issued.

Decision: October 13, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Penny Keen

Hazard Tree Reduction

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Felling of hazard trees at trailheads. Hazard trees are live or dead trees that pose a hazard to users, facilities or property. Felled trees will remain on the site, except for removal from parking areas.

Decision: Categorically Excluded, no project file.

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Sue Baker

Broken Bowl/Big Pool Campgrounds Water System Replacements

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.31,32.

Replace water systems and water line for Broken Bowl and Big Pool Campgrounds.

Decision: Categorically Excluded, no project file.

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Larry Lassiter

SPECIAL USES

AT&T Equipment Building Upgrade, Hall's Ridge Communication Site

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.8.

AT&T proposed to upgrade their equipment, construct a new 12' X 24' building for the equipment and reconstruct the existing building to house generating, heating, cooling and ventilation apparatus required by the upgraded equipment. Also, a new 105-foot monopole antenna would replace the existing 150-foot tall lattice tower and guy wires. The purpose of the project is to improve communication services to customers.

Decision: January 18, 2001

Implementation: Spring/Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Keen

Water Lines, Union Pacific Transportation Co.

Middle Fork RD, various locations.

Renewal of Special Use Permit for water lines. There would be no new ground disturbance.

Status: Project Deferred

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Water Drainage Ditches, Union Pacific Transportation Co.

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R4E,S.2,3,&12.

Renewal of Special Use Permit for five years for water drainage ditches at Fields slide area. There would be no new ground disturbance.

Status: Project Deferred

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

TIMBER SALES

Box Canyon Hazard Tree Removal

Blue River RD, T19S,R5 1/2E,S.24.

A Decision Memo was prepared for hazard tree removal in the Box Canyon Campground. The proposed action involved removal of approximately 70 to 80 trees (most killed by bark beetles in 1998 and 1999, plus some rotten trees) that are a hazard to campers, horses, and campground structures; and application of an anti-aggregation pheromone to repel bark beetles away from live trees in the campground.

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: December 2000

Contact: Rick Ley

Koch Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20&21S,R5E;T21S,R4E.

Salvage of blown down trees (approximately 75 MBF) within the road prism of FS Roads 2408, 2422 and associated spurs.

Decision: October 24, 2000

Implementation: Completed Fall 2000

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Reservoir Habitat Enhancement

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir
T21,22,23S,R3E.

Placement of erosion control & fish habitat structures including log booms and tree bundles within Hills Creek Reservoir pool.

Decision: December 2000

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: D'Lynn Williams



On a cold, wintry day, Gold Lake Snow Park is a welcomed respite to snow recreationists.

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