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Decision Made on the Waldo Lake Recreation Use Project

On December 3, 2001, the Willamette National Forest released the Decision Notice and Finding Of No Significant Impact for the Waldo Lake Recreation Use Project. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project was released in August 2001, and analyzed four recreation use issues associated with Waldo Lake. These issues addressed the Recreational Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) for the lake surface, boat motors on the lake, dispersed campsite management, and recreation special use permits. The EA was release for public comment in August 2001, and drew nearly 250 comments. A 45-day appeal period on the Decision ended on January 24, 2002.

The Decision Notice describes the selection of Alternative III as the best management option for addressing the four issues. Briefly, this alternative assigns a "semi-primitive, non-motorized" Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) classification to the lake surface, restricts boat motors to electric motors-only after a five year transition period, initiates a three-phase strategy to limit expansion of dispersed camp sites around the lake, and allows the issuance of new recreation special use permits at the lake only if they meet a strict set of criteria.

Anyone interested in viewing or obtaining the EA and Decision Notice can do so by visiting the Willamette National Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/mgmt/waldo. The Middle Fork District contact for this project is Jim Williams, Recreation Assistant, (541-782-2283).



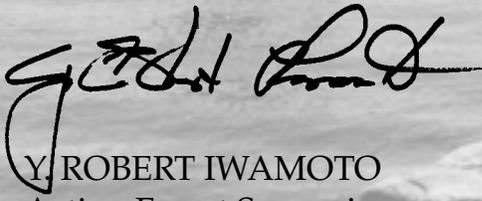
For Your Information

This "Winter 2002" 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: The Decision Notice for the Waldo Lake Environmental Assessment.

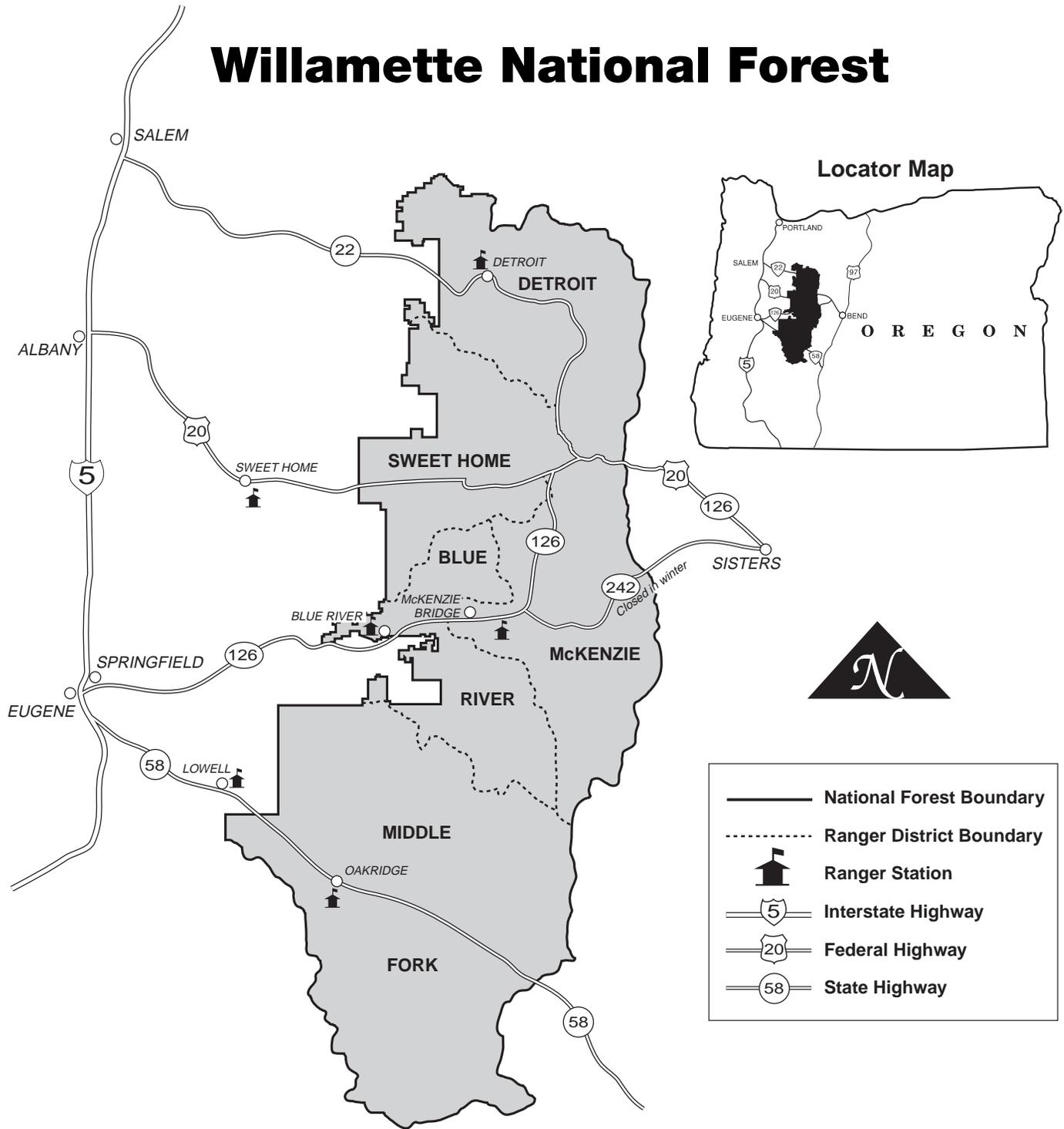
If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, contact Neal Forrester at 541-465-6521. The Forest Focus can be found on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,



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For Your Information

FOREST-WIDE

Land Feature Name Change

The Oregon Board of Geographic Names approved the recommendation submitted by the Willamette National Forest to change the names of three features on the Forest currently named "Squaw". New names selected after consultation with local tribal representatives includes "Latiwi Mountain and Latiwi Creek," for features on the Sweet Home and McKenzie Ranger Districts in eastern Linn County. Latiwi means Molala person in the Molala language. The Molala people resided in this area of the Cascades at the time of first contact and settlement by nonnative people. Squaw Butte, near Oakridge on the Middle Fork District, will be named "Kwiskwis Butte." Kwiskwis, meaning little squirrel, was the nickname of an early Molala inhabitant of the Oakridge area named Charlie Tufti. Finalization from the U. S. Board of Geographic Names is expected later this year.

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

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.

Release of Names

The Office of General Council at the Department of Agriculture has 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 com-

ments 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.

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

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: Summer 2002

Contact: Susan Stearns

Peregrine Falcon Management Plan

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed.

Develop a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for Breitenbush watershed.

Completion: Winter 2002

Contact: Daryl Whitmore



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 any changes as accurately as possible as we update the Forest Focus each quarter.

FOREST-WIDE

Forest Plan Amendment – Peregrine Falcon

Forestwide

In 1999 the US Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the peregrine falcon under the ESA. Since 1990, 25 additional nest sites have been identified on the Forest. Forest Plan standards and guidelines are needed to protect nest sites and to provide for continued recovery of the peregrine falcon population.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Neal Forrester or Ken Byford

BLUE RIVER

RESEARCH

Research—H. J. Andrews Soil Study Herbicide Application

Blue River RD, T15S,R5E,S.28.

This project proposes to apply small doses of commercially available, biodegradable herbicide as needed to control competing vegetation on small research plots (10m. x 15m.) at H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest. No long-term or off-site effects are expected.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: John Cissel or Jim Mayo

Current Projects

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 assess the road system in conjunction with timber sale planning within the Hardy analysis area and provide alternative strategies to road and trail management.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

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 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Teiva White or Kenny Gabriel

North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

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

The District has expanded the scope of the Blue River Access and Travel Management Plan to analyze the entire Blue River Drainage. The objective is to provide an effective and safe transportation system while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White

SILVICULTURE

Aerial Fertilization

Blue River RD, AMA, District-wide
Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 950 acres of managed stands. The stands proposed for treatment are located throughout the Blue River Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: October 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran

Conifer Pruning

Blue River RD, District-wide
Selectively prune trees on approximately 700 acres of young conifer stands to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years, depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: May 2002

Contact: Tim Kee

Conifer Release

Blue River RD, District-wide
Release conifer seedlings in young plantations from competition with brush on approximately 100 acres, located throughout the Blue River Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years, depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: June 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Bill Beardsley

Current Projects

SILVICULTURE (cont.)

Precommercial Thinning

Blue River RD, AMA, District-wide
Precommercial thin young conifer stands to enhance growth, vigor, and stand health. Approximately 1,050 acres located throughout the Blue River Ranger District are proposed for treatment. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: June 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Bill Beardsley

Precommercial Thinning 2002

Blue River RD, District-wide.
Precommercially thin approximately 550 acres on Blue River Ranger District at 225 to 300 trees per acre.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Tim Kee

thinning and final harvest. Road construction may be proposed. An Access and Travel Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

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." Proposal includes approximately 583 acres of commercial thinning and 199 acres of re-generation harvest, following the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. Prescribed burning on approximately 180 acres is also proposed. The DEIS was released for comment in March of 1999.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Cheryl Friesen

TIMBER SALES

Minor Thin

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.26,27,28,33,34,35.
This project analyzes commercial thinning in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed. Alternatives range from 380 to 180 acres of thinning. Approximately five miles of road are being considered for closure.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

Hardy Timber Sale

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30;
Hardy subdrainage.
Approximately 750 acres will be reviewed for

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Elk Creek Road Decommissioning

Blue River RD, T19S, R6E, S.8-9.
Roads 1964457, 1964486, 1964488 are currently accessed by a log stringer bridge that is in a deteriorating condition and may create a public safety hazard over time. The project proposes to remove the deteriorating bridge, decommission stranded road segments, and rehabilitate a water source on Elk Creek.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

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

Current Projects

WATERSHEDS & FISHERIES (cont.)

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

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Bickford

WILDLIFE

Wildlife Tree Creation 2002

Blue River RD, District wide AMA

This proposal would create approximately 500 wildlife trees in recently harvested units by blasting, sawtopping, top and base girdling, inoculating with stem decays, and baiting trees with Douglas fir beetle pheromones and combinations of the above treatments.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris & Shane Kamrath

Down Woody Material Creation 2002

Blue River and McKenzie RD, District wide AMA

This proposal would fall approximately 350 trees to mitigate the large down wood dynamics that was interrupted by harvest. Large down wood contributes to soil nutrient cycling; fungi, small mammal, amphibian and reptile habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Cavity Creation 2002

McKenzie and Blue River RD, District-wide

This project would enhance approximately 150 trees for structure and habitat by creating cavity starts, bat roosts, log dens and hollows in trees and inoculating with stem decay for primary and

secondary cavity nesting wildlife species.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2002-2003

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E;T17S,R6E;T16S,R6E; T16S,R5E; and T16S,R4E.

Proposal to reduce stocking and create diversity on approximately 1,200 acres in 15- to 25-year-old stands in the Hagan, Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late-Successional Reserves.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris

DETROIT

RECREATION

Opal Creek Wilderness Management

Detroit RD, Opal Creek Watershed

This proposal will amend the Willamette National Forest Plan to include management direction for the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Brian McGinley or Dani Rosetti

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Management Plan

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E; T9S,R5E; T8S R5E.

Proposed action is to adopt the Opal Creek SRA Management Plan developed by the Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council in consultation with the Forest Service. The plan defines the Desired Condition within the SRA and identifies applicable standards to achieve management goals. 30-

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Day comment period closed January 25, 2002.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Stephanie Phillips or Jim Romero

Upper Arm Recreation Site Restoration and Enhancement

Detroit RD, T9S, R5E, S.36.

This proposal would reconstruct the Upper Arm recreation site located on the Breitenbush arm of Detroit Lake. The project involves the construction of sites and supporting facilities such as toilets, parking areas and accessible beach access.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dani Rosetti

Crag-South Breitenbush Connector Trail

Detroit RD, T9S, R7E, S.36.

This project would construct approximately 1/4 mile of connecting trail from the parking area that jointly serves South Breitenbush Trail #3374 and Craig Trail #3364.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

Detroit RD, T10S, R7E, S.8.

The proposed project would construct a formal parking or turnaround area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3342. The project is located within an existing harvested unit.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

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

The proposal would 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 trail relocation.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Abe Quihuis

ROADS

Blowout Suspension Bridge Repairs

Detroit RD, T10S, R5E, S.27.

This project involves removal of lead based paint and repainting the bridge towers, replacement of worn decking and suspender cables, and construction of retaining walls to protect approach foundations of the Blowout Creek Bridge.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Rod Stewart

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Sugar Pine

Detroit RD, T8S, R6E, S.34; T9S, R6E. East Humbug and Fox Creek drainages.

This proposal would remove trees and understory vegetation adjacent to approximately 160 selected sugar pine trees to reduce competition for moisture and nutrients, with underburning to provide favorable conditions for natural reseeding of sugar pine.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Leach

Current Projects

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Shore Nuf Timber Sale

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

The proposal would commercially thin approximately 1,136 acres of second growth timber, construct approximately 1.8 miles of temporary road and reconstruct approximately 5.7 miles of existing road. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2001. A notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register Vol. 166 #184, on September 21, 2001.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Jim Romero or Rodney Stewart

MCKENZIE

AIR QUALITY

Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

McKenzie RD, T14S,R6E,S.36.

Proposal would remove approximately 35 trees at the Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station to maintain clearance for the site to function properly.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing and Teiva White

BOTANY

Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

McKenzie RD, T15S,R7E,S.10.

Proposal to remove mostly understory and mid story trees on 60 acres that have encroached upon and altered the meadow environment of Bunchgrass Meadow.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Nancy Wilson

LANDS & 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. Landowners 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 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Reconstruction of West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road

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

The District will prepare an environmental assessment on a Lane County proposal to rebuild or replace the West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road. The historical bridge is on National Forest land but under Lane County supervision.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Al Brown

RECREATION

Fish Lake Planning Project

McKenzie RD, T13S,R6E; S.29,30,31,32.

Project includes a development plan for Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposal may include interpretive wayside, campground improvements, dispersed camping area, and trailhead.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: Spring 2002

Current Projects

Implementation: 2002
Contact: Stacey Smith

ROAD USE

Road Use Permit

McKenzie RD, T16S, R5E, S.8.

A request was received for a Road Use Permit for Road 2633719. The permit would allow private access for a planned cell tower site on private property.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Winter 2002
Implementation: Winter 2002
Contact: Pat Hutchins

SPECIAL USES

EWEB Defensible Space

McKenzie RD, T14S, R6E, S.1.

For fire protection, Eugene Water and Electric Board proposes to improve defensible space for the Trailbridge Dam housing compound by cutting and removing approximately 100 trees near the homes.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
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 2002
Contact: Kathy Keable



TIMBER SALES

Nineteen Road Salvage

McKenzie RD, Blue River District portion of Aufderheide Scenic Byway.

This project would salvage harvest approximately 300 mbf of primarily standing dead trees adjacent to the Aufderheide Scenic Byway (Forest Road #19) from Box Canyon to State Highway 126.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Rita Mustatia

TwoBee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie RD, AMA T13S, R6&7E; T14S, R6&7E; T15S, R6&7E.

This landscape management project include commercial thinning, selective partial harvest, and regeneration harvest on total of 1,000 acres. Project also includes road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements; 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 2002.

Status: Scoping
Decision: December 2002
Implementation: FY 2003
Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen

WATERSHED RESTORATION

Lost Lake Riparian Restoration

McKenzie RD, T13S, R7E; T13 S, R7 1/2E, S.21.

This proposal would rehabilitate disturbed and compacted soil, re-vegetate areas of exposed soils, and eradicate noxious weeds. Areas adjacent to Lost Lake are affected by soil disturbance and compaction from past recreational use.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Dave Kretzing, Susan Stearns

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER/GUIDES

Wildlife Outfitters

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir to Lookout Reservoir.

Outfitting and Guiding river and fishing trips (non-motorized drift boat) on the Middle Fork Ranger District from the Hills Creek Reservoir to the Corp of Engineers Boundary at the Lookout Reservoir from March to October 31, 2002.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: March 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Adventures

Middle Fork RD. District-wide.

Requesting a special use permit for outfitting and guiding for mountain biking on a variety of areas on the Middle Fork Ranger District. This will be the 4th year of operation on the National Forest for this Outfitter.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: March 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon River Sports

Middle Fork RD. Middle Fork of the Willamette River.

Requesting special use permit for outfitting and guiding to provide instructional training in paddling skills for rafting, kayaks and canoes.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: March 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R6E, S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5.

Creation of a two-acre water storage pond for existing snow making-operations. Some of this project may be located outside of the current permit boundary. Operations beyond the boundary will require a separate special use permit from the Deschutes National Forest.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Willamette Pass Snow-Play Expansion

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E, S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5.

Proposal to expand existing snow-play site by approximately two acres. All actions are within the current Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

Willamette Pass Gondola over Highway

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E, S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5.

Proposal to install a gondola to transport users from the parking lot on the south side of Highway 58 to the lodge on the north side of the highway. All actions are within the current Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Cut P Line for Final Lift within Existing Master Plan

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R6E, S.32,33; T23S, R6E, S.4,5.

Proposal to cut a P Line for surveying the feasibility of a potential new lift location that corresponds to Lifts G and E in the Willamette Pass EIS. All actions are within the Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Gray Water Disposal

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

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: John Agar

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: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

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: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

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: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction - Huggin' Tree Trail

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

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

Status: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

ROAD USE

Echo Creek culvert replacement

Middle Fork RD, T24S R4E S.22.

The project proposes to replace the existing 10 ft. diameter Echo Creek culvert under road 2143.325 with an arch to provide for fish passage on this Class II stream.

Status: Scoping

Decision: May 2002

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Tim Bailey

Salmon Creek Road Closure

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.13.

This proposal would close 450 feet of a non-system road to vehicular travel by using an earthen berm. The road currently accesses Salmon Creek from road 2400 (Salmon Creek

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

road).

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Gary Rost

Flat Creek Culvert Removal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.14.

This proposal is to replace a culvert on Road 2404 with a larger one. The new culvert would allow 100- year flood event water flow and also improve fish passage.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Gary Rost

Quarry Expansion

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E, S.16.

The proposal is to expand an existing rock pit along road 1912678 by removing overburden not suitable for crushed rock production, and use as fill material in the repair of two nearby road failure areas. The project would require removal of about 1 1/2 acres of trees decked on the site for future sale or use in restoration projects.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Mark Leverton

Clark Creek Culvert Replacement

Middle Fork RD, Forest Road 18, Milepost 12.66.

Project proposes to replace the existing Clark Creek culvert with an arch to provide fish passage and protection from 100-year flood events.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Larry Tennis

Diamond Drive

Middle Fork RD, T24S, R5E, S.21;T25S,R5E, S.13.

The proposed project will upgrade 13.3 miles of Road 2154 to a double lane paved standard from Road 21 to Umpqua Road 6000770. The project will widen the existing road to a double lane. Major work items will include clearing, excavation, culvert placement, aggregate placement, and paving.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Keith Wheeler

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 analysis was completed in the Spring of 1999. The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Documentation of analyses may be in the form of a management plan or a NEPA document. The current project is the Middle Fork ATM:

Middle Fork ATM

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Terri Jones, D'Lynn Williams

Puma Fire Project

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E, S.25,26,36.

The proposal includes falling of hazard trees, removal of trees, fuel hazard reduction activities, and maintenance of roads 1800 and 1825.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: March 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

Oakridge Gun Club

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.22

Requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across FS land.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Moody

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

Terry Moody is requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across FS land.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Wilson

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

David Wilson is requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across FS land.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: March 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Moon

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

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

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Martin

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 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Neal

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: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Hayden

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

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

Status: Documentation

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Young Stand Density Management

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Between 1,000 and 2,500 acres of young stand density management is proposed at various locations throughout the District, depending on funding. The units proposed for treatment may occur in Late-Successional Reserves or riparian reserves.

Current Projects

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

Pruning

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Approximately 1,500 acres of pruning in young timber stands (from 15 to 50 years in age) is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Units proposed for treatment are in Matrix lands.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Fertilization of approximately 1,500 acres of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late-Successional Reserves.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

SPECIAL USES

Ft. Umpqua Muzzle Loaders

Middle Fork RD, Larison Cove Area
Recreational Event April 19-28, 2002, consisting of an 1840's style black powder rendezvous. The gathering is of approximately 150 people sharing fun, adventure knowledge, skills as well as challenging competition and historic recreation.

Status: Beginning Scoping
Decision: March 2002
Implementation: April 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Tree Planting Festival

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.14,15.
Requesting special use permit for utilization of Rigdon Bike path and parking facilities at Flat Creek Work Center for between 50 to 150 participants for a Salmon Creek Fun Run, 2 mile Walk and 10K Run in May.

Status: Beginning Scoping
Decision: March 2002
Implementation: April 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Cascade Cream Puff

Middle Fork RD, Various existing roads and trails
Requesting special use permit for recreation 100 mile 3 lap Mountain Bike Race. Utilizes various existing roads and trails such as FS roads 19, 1910, 1802, 1802-141, 1802-140, 1912, the Alpine Trail and the North Fork Trail.

Status: Beginning Scoping
Decision: April or May 2002
Implementation: July 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Emerald Empire Sports Club Hill Climb

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.33.
Requesting Special use permit for annual Recreation Event in July. Race course is on FS road 2101 near Larison Rock.

Status: Beginning Scoping
Decision: May 2002
Implementation: July 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Where's Waldo - 100K Ultra Marathon & Relay

Middle Fork RD, Crescent RD., and Bend Fort Rock RD; Willanette and Deschutes NF.
Requesting special use permit for recreational 100K relay race September 28, 2002, starting at Willamette Pass climbing several mountain peaks (Fuji, Twins, Maiden Peak) before returning to the

Current Projects

SPECIAL USES (cont.)

ski area. The race is a 2-person relay and is not a beginner level race.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: September 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Fat Tire Festival

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.12-15,17-18,20-21, and 24; T21S, R4E, S.7,18.

Randy Dreiling is requesting a special use permit to hold a recreational mountain biking event/race for registered participants. Event will be on National Forest Land utilizing various trails and Forest roadways.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: May 2002

Implementation: July 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Fur Takers

Middle Fork RD, Waldo Lake - Shadow Bay Campground.

Requesting special use permit for utilization of Rigdon Bike path and parking facilities at Flat Creek Work Center for between 50 to 150 participants for a Salmon Creek Fun Run, 2 mile Walk and 10K Run in May.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC)

Middle Fork RD, Lowell Service Center.

Requesting renewal of a special use permit to occupy building #1036 at the Lowell Service Center.

Status: Completed Scoping

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Sewage Treatment Permit Renewal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.18.

The City of Oakridge has requested to renew the permit for operating a Sewage Treatment Plant. The permit authorizes operation of the processing plant and spreading of treated effluent on approximately 13 acres of National Forest lands. The current permit expires on Dec. 31, 2001.

Status: Scoping

Decision: February 2002

Implementation: February 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E,S.12;T21S,R3E,S.15.

The District proposes to dispose of five rental houses for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. The houses are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the western end of the City of Westfir, and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to find another party to maintain, manage, and use these buildings at their present sites, consistent with their historic value.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: September 2002

Implementation: January 2003

Contact: Tim Bailey

Middle Fork RD Special Uses

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

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES

Kiln Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T25S,R4E,Sec 17-18.

Salvage of approximately 25 ccf of blown down trees within the road prism of FS Road 2136279.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Lookout Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R4E,S.29.

Project proposes to cut and remove approximately 5.5 acres of trees on the south and east sides of Warner Lookout to improve visibility for fire detection and to reduce fire hazard near the lookout.

Status: Field surveys and scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.

Approximately 5.5 MMBF of commercial thinning and 0.4 MBBF of sanitation salvage. Project would include construction of approximately 0.4 miles of system road, and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

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

Julep Timber Sale

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

Project proposes approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may exceed the Regional Guidelines for size limitation for created openings (60 ac.) because 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.

Project proposes regeneration harvest on approximately 140 acres yielding an estimated 5 MMBF of timber. Unit design may result in openings that exceed Regional Guidelines for size limitation 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 2003

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 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.

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Winter 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 and commercial thinning of about 600 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 15 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis and Documentation

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Spring Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S, R5E, S.15,16,21,22,&23, T25S, R5E, S.1,2,3,4,11,&12.

Proposal includes regeneration harvest retaining levels of tree retention from 20%-50% in regeneration units. Thinning and regeneration harvest will yield 6 to 8 MMBF of timber. Restoration projects 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, precommercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Hi-Brock Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R5E, S.3,9,10,16,17,27,28, 33,34.

Salvage of blown down trees in the road prism adjacent to roads 760 and 762, along with logs from road repair projects.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED & FISHERIES

Chuckle Springs Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R5E,S.19.

Project proposes to improve Bull Trout spawning habitat by reintroducing fine gravel in one large pool in Chuckle Springs prior to the return of the adult Bull Trout to spawn. Project is a partnership involving Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service, and individual volunteers.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Doug Larson or Steve Cossette

Coffeepot and Dry Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R3E, S.35,36; T23S,R3E, S.34. Coffeepot and Dry Creeks

The proposed project in Coffeepot Creek consists of instream structure placement via helicopter in 0.4 miles of channel. The proposed project in the Dry Creek Watershed involves road decommissioning 0.7 mile on Road #166.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dan Anderson

Good Fortune Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E, S.7.

Enhance a one-mile stretch of Windfall Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Analysis

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Current Projects

WATERSHED & FISHERIES (cont.)

Rug Rat Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T20S, R2E, S.3,4; T19S, R2E, S.19, 21, 22,29,30.

Enhance 1.5 mile stretch of Winberry Creek and a 2-mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Analysis

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

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: Dan Anderson

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: Ron Mecklenburg

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: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Buck Creek Culvert Replacement Project

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

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

Status: Analysis

Decision: May 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Doug Larson

WILDLIFE

Buckhead Noxious Weed Treatment

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.35,36;
T21S,R2E,S.1,2.

Proposal to manually pull noxious weeds at the Buckhead Wildlife Refuge off FS Road 5821. This project would also include roadside brushing, litter patrol and planting native species to prohibit the spread of noxious weeds.

Status: Funding requested (Title III funding)

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams

Flat Creek Administrative Site Cleanup

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.14.

The project proposes to remove noxious weeds from the Flat Creek administrative site. The project may also include removing non-native species from the Olsen homestead west of Flat Creek. The project may include planting native species to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, and litter patrol. *Status: Funding requested (Title III funding).*

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams

Kitson Bat Habitat Management & Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R4E,S.6.

Proposal to restore bat habitat on the Kitson property. In addition, monitoring would lead to a better understanding of year-around habitat use

Current Projects

WATERSHED & FISHERIES (cont.)

by local bat populations.

Status: Funding requested (Title III funding)

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Dick Davis

SWEET HOME

FACILITIES

Sweet Home Ranger District Office

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R1E, S.33.

The District proposes an exchange of ten or more residential, office, shop, and storage properties for the administrative site currently being leased by the government for the Sweet Home Ranger District office. The purpose of the exchange is to reduce costs to the government by disposing of facilities that are no longer needed by the Forest Service, and acquire an administrative site currently being leased for the Sweet Home District Office.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Mike Rassbach

MINERALS

Mountain High Mining Claim

Sweet Home RD, T11S,R4E,S.36. Quartzville Watershed.

Decision Memo for Reclamation of site and use of buildings on an existing mining claim for 1 year.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Robb Ginn

Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

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

EA and Plan of Operations for an existing mining claim. The current plan has expired and a new five-year plan is proposed. The operation would extract an abrasive mineral material known as emery from a small open pit (30 by 80 feet).

Status: 30-day comment period closed

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rob Ginn

RECREATION

Daly Lake Access Improvements

Sweet Home RD, T12S, R6E, S. 10 & 11.

Barrier free access improvements are proposed for the Daly Lake dispersed recreation area. This project proposes to reconstruct the trail to Daly Lake to improve accessibility, improve existing dispersed campsites, construct a trail bridge across the inlet creek, replace the old pit toilet with vault toilet, and construct a barrier free fishing platform on the lakeshore. Proposal would also replace a trail bridge across the outlet creek.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

ROAD USE

Trout Creek Bridge

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R4E,S.32.

Propose to replace the current concrete culvert on highway 20 with a bridge to improve fish habitat. Work would be accomplished by ODOT and would include an easement from the Forest Service to ODOT.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Daren Utley

West Boundary Rock Source Expansion

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

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

Santiam Watershed.

Proposal to expand West Boundary pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509 by clearing brush and fire regenerated second growth.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Doug Shank

SILVICULTURE

Precommercial Thinning

Sweet Home RD

Propose to precommercially thin 1589 acres and do 89 acres of conifer release in the Quartzville Creek, Middle Santiam, South Santiam, McKenzie and Calapooia Watersheds. 964 acres proposed in the Late Successional Reserves, 515 acres proposed in the Matrix lands and 200 acres proposed in the Aquatic Management Area.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

Canal Bear Grass Sale

Sweet Home RD, Quartzville Watershed.

Purpose to harvest bear grass in managed stands over 6,000 acres.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Robb 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: 2002

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, pre-logged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 2 to 5 MMBF.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 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 would include regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction also considered. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement appeared in the Federal Register on August 2, 1999.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Sheep Soda Thin

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

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 Complete

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Doug Shank and Donna Short

WILDLIFE

Wetland Restoration

Sweet Home RD, South Santiam Watershed,
AMA

Proposal would restore the character of six wetlands to provide habitat for amphibians and waterfowl, using natural materials to maintain water levels, noxious weed removal, planting native shrubs, and placement of nest boxes. One spur road will be bermed (0.3 mile).

Status: Scoping

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Virgil Morris

Topo Falls Big Game Habitat Improvement

Sweet Home RD, AMA, T13S, R4E, S.31.

Proposal to precommercial thin, prune, and aerial fertilize (16-20-0) 11 acres, and cut brush on 26 acres within a managed stand to improve big game forage quality.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Virgil Morris



Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

FOREST-WIDE

SPECIAL USES

Lane County Waste Management Division Transfer Station Permit Renewal

McKenzie RD, T16S, R5E, S.15.

Renewal of the five-year special use authorization for operating and maintaining a waste transfer disposal area. Permit area covers approximately 6.53 acres.

Decision: December 2001

Implementation: January 2002

Contact: Shari Monson or Pat Hutchins

Lane County Waste Management Division Transfer Station Permit Renewal

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.22.

Renewal of a five-year special use authorization for operating and maintaining a waste transfer disposal area. The permit area covers approximately 3.07 acres.

Decision: December 2001

Implementation: January 2002

Contact: Shari Monson or Sandra Melinder

BLUE RIVER

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 fish passage. This project proposes to change stream crossings to provide upstream passage of rainbow and cutthroat trout in Ore Creek, Mann Creek, and an un-named tributary of Blue River near Mann Creek. Analysis is concurrent with the access and Travel Management Blue River project.

Status: Dropped, lack of funding

Contact: Dave Bickford

DETROIT

ROADS

Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY2001

Detroit RD, Whitewater and Breitenbush Watersheds.

Proposal to decommission or obliterate and revegetate approximately 12 miles of dead end roads for watershed restoration.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Dave Klug

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

French Creek Large Wood Placement Project

Detroit RD, T9S, R5E; S.21, 26, 27, 28, 35.

The proposal is to place large woody material along approximately 3 miles of French Creek to improve the quality of aquatic habitat for resident trout.

Status: Dropped

Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes

MCKENZIE

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.

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Pat Hutchins

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER GUIDE

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions

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

Request is for a five-year Special Use Permit for at-risk youth camping. This is a multi-forest permit, prepared and monitored by the Middle Fork RD. It involves the Waldo Lake Basin from Highway 58 north to Charlton Lake, and east from Charlton Lake to Highway 46 on the Bend/Crescent RD on the Deschutes NF.

Decision: December 2001

Implementation: December 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

Middle Fork RD

In 1998, the district began a usergroup consensus process to develop strategies around seven longstanding resource issues connected with recreation use at Waldo Lake. The seven issues were Charlton Tie Road development, lakeside site impacts, recreation emphasis/setting for the lake surface, boat motor use, outfitter/guide permit levels, nonnative 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 issue 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 scooping and introduce preliminary alternatives. To review the EA and Decision, go to the forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette.

Decision: December 3, 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

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

TIMBER SALES

Aufda Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.

Proposal for regeneration harvest and reforestation of about 150 acres of mature timber.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Rick Scott

Chalk Creek Timber Sale Project

Middle Fork RD, T19&20S,R3E.

Project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres (10 MMBF), and commercial thinning on approximately 700 acres (6 MMBF). Additional activities included in this project include fuel reduction, reforestation, road maintenance, 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.

Status: Deferred until spotted owl recovery plan completed.

Contact: Rick Scott

Dutch Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R2E.

Salvage of blown down trees from within the road prism only on roads 5850, 2106 and spurs.

Decision: October 24, 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: John Poet

Cardiac Salvage

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

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

Decision: October 24, 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Rick Scott



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