

Decision Summary – Vegetation CE

Project Name	Archie Creek Reforestation		
Forest	Umpqua National Forest	Region	R6
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Vegetation CE; DM; 36 CFR 220.6(e)(6)			
Planned Decision Date	March 15, 2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The purpose of the project is to reforest burned areas in accordance with the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA) Section 3 (d) 1, which directs that all forested lands in the National Forest System (NFS) be maintained in appropriate forest cover with species of trees, degree of stocking, rate of growth, and conditions of stand designated to secure the maximum benefits of multiple use sustained yield management in accordance to land management plans.
Intended Selected Action
The project would reforest approximately 10,677 acres of forestland within the 2020 Archie Creek and Thielsen fire perimeters. The project would plant up to 2,009 acres within Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs), including planting treatments within Williams Creek and Cougar Bluff IRAs totaling 1,926 acres, and within the Mt. Bailey IRA totaling 82 acres. Reforestation is planned with the planting of seedlings by hand or aerial seeding. Maintenance activities are being analyzed for implementation in areas outside of Inventoried Roadless Areas. Maintenance activities include manual brush control, animal browse protection, pruning and non-commercial thinning to ensure survival and establishment of planted trees. Activity fuels produced from pruning or non-commercial thinning during maintenance activities may be pulled back from roads, chipped, piled and burned, or lopped and scattered.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
No significant effects or extraordinary circumstances are expected.
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
The Forest initiated consultation with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians and Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde which was completed in January 2021. It solicited input with letters to three Douglas County Commissioners on January 11, 2021. It initiated a 14-day public scoping period to interested and affected parties on January 11, 2021. No concerns were identified from consultation, outreach and scoping efforts.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
No procedural timeline considerations.