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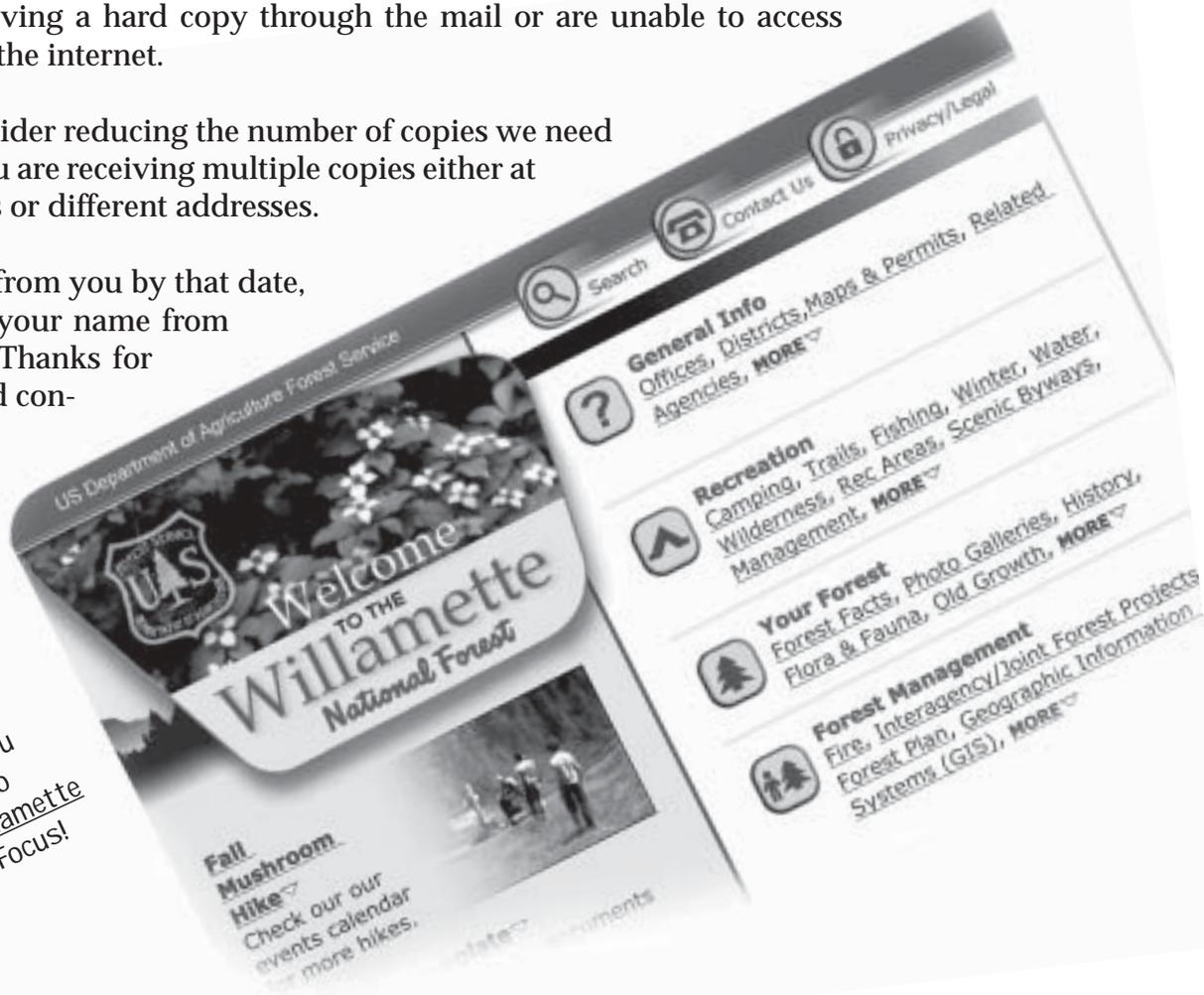
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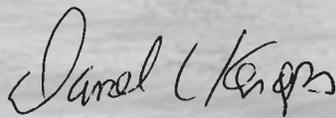
For Your Information

This “Fall 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: A new and improved Willamette National Forest webpage (after January 2002), the Potholes Heritage Expedition, and The Waldo Lake Environmental Assessment, see page 12 in Current Projects.

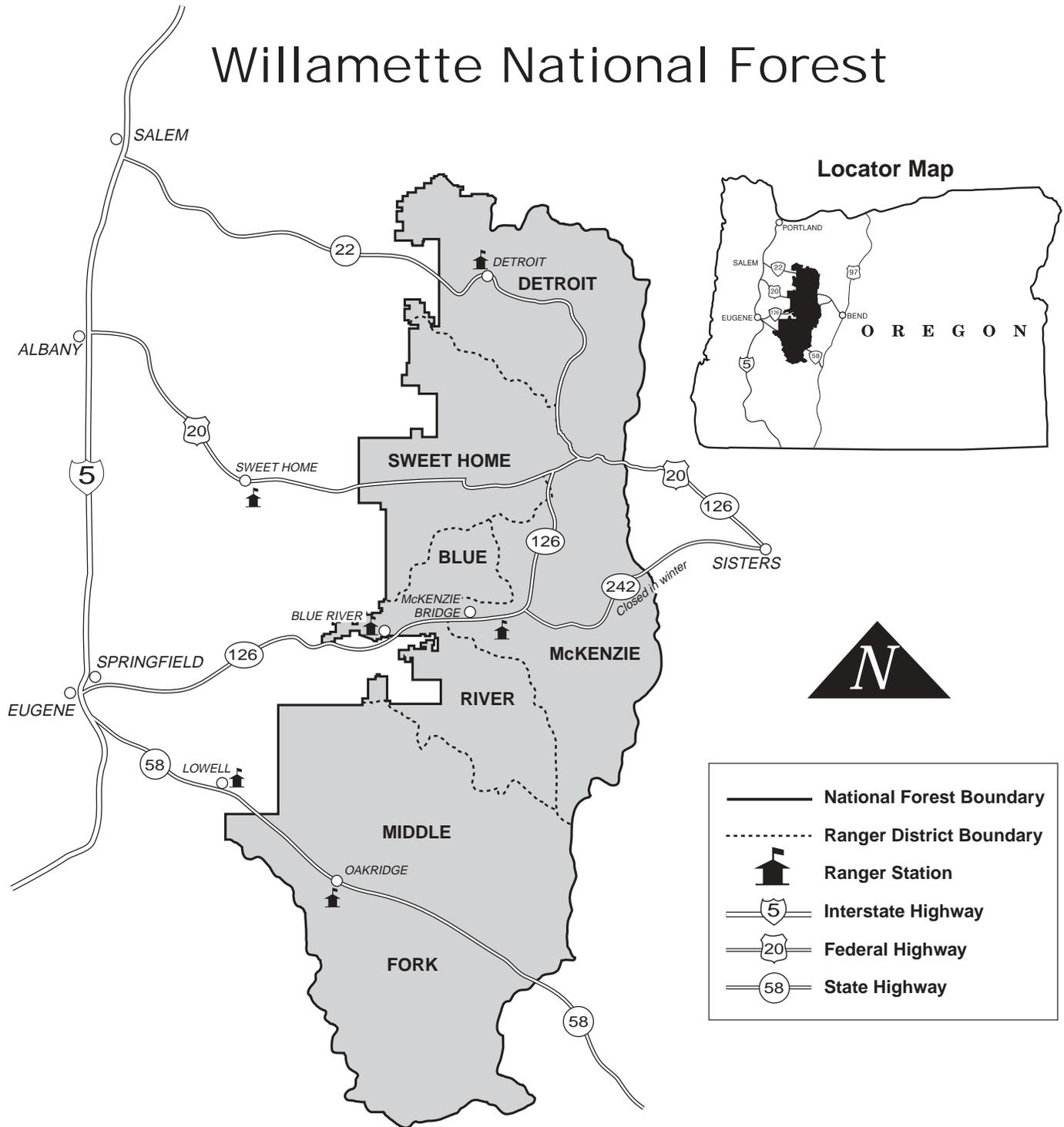
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On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,



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FOREST-WIDE

Land Feature Name Change

The Willamette National Forest has forwarded to the Forest Service Regional Office for their approval, recommended land feature name changes for features currently named "Squaw" on the Forest. This action comes after two years of consultation and coordination with tribal organizations, and state and national governing bodies. Further approval will need to come from the Oregon Board of Geographic Names, then finally the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

New names selected after consultation with local tribal representatives includes the name "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 non-native 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 for the name changes is expected some time next year.

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

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

Potholes Expedition Successful Even During the Worst Week in U.S. History

Tough Tuesday

Nine Oregon explorers, who came to the Willamette National Forest September 10-13 for a Heritage Expedition in an area graced with "potholes," ended up having to make an unexpected decision. While still in camp on September 11, one person turned on the radio and the group learned of the terrible events occurring in New York and the Pentagon.

Expedition leader and McKenzie Ranger District archaeologist Eric Bergland expected that the tragedy might end the expedition; however, after some discussion, group members said they wanted

to stay. They had waited so long and found the area so peaceful that they thought staying would help them better prepare for the tragedy.

What's So Exciting about Potholes?

It is unknown what actually created these small holes in the ground. But whether made by American Indians, early sheepherders, or natural causes, archaeologists know the area to be culturally significant. The explorers proved this by nearly doubling the amount of recorded information at the site. They found peeled cedar trees, obsidian tools, and numerous other signs of native people who lived and worked at Potholes.

Their excitement over their discoveries led to expanding the original itinerary to include the explorers' help in formally documenting the archeological finds. "It was a really good lesson for me," Bergland said. He had thought the explorers would find recording the sites tedious, but many enjoyed that experience the most because they knew they were contributing something important.

The four-day expedition also included presentations on area geology, botany and archaeology. While at camp, explorers continued their education by trying their hand at rock art and flint knapping (stone tool making).

Throughout the week, they enjoyed gourmet backcountry meals prepared by a veteran outfitter, Bruce Green of Wilderness River Outfitters. After early dinners around the campfire, they enjoyed living history presentations and an American Indian story teller.

One explorer was David Lewis, a Kalapuya Indian and University of Oregon Doctoral student. He shared insightful pieces of his own research, which includes where the name "Oregon" originated, as he learned and discovered with the rest of the group. He applauded the Forest Service for bringing American Indians and other Americans together to explore cultural heritage.

The expedition closed out over dinner at the historic Log Cabin with a panel discussion from the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Committee. Participants found the expedition a wonderful means of exploring their archaeological interests and connecting with modern American Indians, hearing their perspective, and learning about the significance of cultural resources to them. All enthusiastically agreed that they would sign up for

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FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS (cont.)

future expeditions and recommend them to their friends.

Thank You

Many people helped make the Expedition a success. Presenters from McKenzie Ranger District included Botanist Susan Stearns, Forester Rita Mustatia, Animal Packers Betty Applebaker and Jed Smith, and Archaeologist and Expedition Leader Eric Bergland. Presenters from Sweethome Ranger District included Geologist Doug Shank and Archaeologist Tony Farque. Presenters from University of Oregon included Anthropology Student Researchers David Lewis and Don Day. Archaeologist Dr. Jim Keyser attended from the Regional Office.

Native American presenters included tribal members from the Grand Ronde, the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Committee, and Siletz tribal member and Storyteller Esther Stutzman.

Thanks also to Joanne West who helped market the Expedition.

What are Heritage Expeditions?

Heritage Expeditions is the name of a Willamette National Forest recreation fee demo project that allows participants to spend a week with an archaeologist learning about the cultural and natural history of the Forest and earning college credits if desired. Expeditions include a stewardship component and proceeds are used to develop and run the program, which is increasing in popularity. Expeditions appeal to the public because of the level of knowledge and expertise the Forest provides.

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 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 sub-

ject 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.

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 watershed.

Completion: Winter 2002

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 2002

Contact: Doug Shank

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

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: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: John Cissel or Jim Mayo

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 within this area.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Teiva White or Kenny Gabriel

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

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

system for the public and Forest Service while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White

SILVICULTURE

Precommercial Thinning 2002

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Precommercially thin approximately 800 acres on Blue River Ranger District at 225 to 300 trees per acre.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

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 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: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 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 regeneration harvest, following the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. Prescribed burning on approximately 180 acres is also proposed.

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

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

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: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing

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 concurrent with the access and Travel Management Blue River project.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Bickford

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, a tributary of Quartz Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Bickford

WILDLIFE

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: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Penny Harris

DETROIT

RECREATION

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. Development of alternatives and effects analysis is currently underway.

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: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 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: Analysis ongoing

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: Analysis ongoing

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: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Blowout Suspension Bridge Repairs

Detroit RD, T10S, R5E, S.27.

This project would involve 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: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Rod Stewart

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: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Dave Klug

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: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Leach

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: Comment period for DEIS ends October 29, 2001

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Jim Romero or Rodney Stewart

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: Initial Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes

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. Proposal would also reallocate approximately 7.2 acres from Management Area 11c-Scenic-Partial Retention Middle Ground to 13b-Forest Service Administrative Use Area (Willamette Forest Plan).

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing



Current Projects

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. 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 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: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

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 im-

provements, dispersed camping area, and trailhead.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: Winter 2002

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

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: Winter 2002

Implementation: Winter 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.

Current Projects

SPECIAL USES (cont.)

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 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 Summer 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; T13S,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: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing, Susan Stearns

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER GUIDE

Katherine 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.

Status: Ongoing

Decision: November 2001

Implementation: November 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site, Snow-Play Expansion, Gondola over Highway, and Update to Master Plan

Middle Fork RD, **T22S,R6E, S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5**. Proposal to expand existing snow-play site by approximately two acres, including creation of a two-acre water storage pond for existing snow making-operations and installation of 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. Additionally, the Master Plan for the site is being updated with the proposed action to complete development specified in the Willamette Pass Alpine Winter Sports Site Final Environmental Impact Statement. This action could result in the installation of two additional ski lifts, which may involve tree removal from up to 100 acres. All actions are within the current Ski Area Boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

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 were 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 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 scoping and introduce preliminary alternatives. The EA was released August 4, 2001 for 30-day public comment. To review the EA and other information on this project, go to the forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette.

Status: Comment period closed September 4, 2001

Decision: November 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

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

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: Winter 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: Spring 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

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 road).

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Gary Rost

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

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: Scoping

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: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

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: December 2001

Implementation: December 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

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: Winter 2002

Implementation: Winter 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

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Winter 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: Winter 2002

Implementation: Winter 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 Complete

Decision: December 2001

Implementation: December 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Stand Density Management

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Between 1,000 and 2,500 acres of stand density management of young stands (age range 10 to 20 years) 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

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

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: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Fertilization of approximately 2,612 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: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

SPECIAL USES

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: December 2001

Implementation: January 1, 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

Current Projects

SPECIAL USES (cont.)

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: 2001-2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

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 2136-279.

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: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Aufda Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.

Proposal for 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. Project would include con-

struction of approximately 0.5 miles of system road, and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

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. The DEIS is scheduled for release in September 2002.

Status: Alternative Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: June 2004

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

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

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 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 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: 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, pre-commercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Winter 2003

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.

Status: Decision pending

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: John Poet

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: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 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.

Status: Decision pending

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

WATERSHED & FISHERIES

Chuckle Springs Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

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

Project proposes to improve Bull Trout spawning habitat by re-introducing 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: Scoping

Decision: January 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

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: Scoping

Decision: January 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: 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

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

Current Projects

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-round habitat use by local bat populations.

Status: Funding requested (Title III funding)

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: D'Lynn Williams

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: Beginning Scoping

Decision: Nov-Dec 2001

Implementation: FY 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: Fall of 2001

Implementation: Fall of 2001

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: Fall 2001

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Rob Ginn

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: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Daren Utley

Current Projects

ROAD USE (cont.)

West Boundary Rock Source Expansion (formerly Squaw Pit)

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

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 3 to 6 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: Winter 2002

Implementation: 2002

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: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Doug Shank and Donna Short

WILDLIFE

Wetland Restoration

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E, S.35;T14S,R4E, S.7.

This project proposes to restore the character of two wetlands in the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area to provide habitat for amphibians and waterfowl. Project would use natural materials to improve water levels.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Virgil Morris



Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

BLUE RIVER

ROAD USE

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.

Decision: June 6, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Kenny Gabriele, or Lowell Nelson

SILVICULTURE

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.

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: August 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.

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: October 2001

Contact: Tim Kee

WILDLIFE

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.

Decision: September 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.

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz

DETROIT

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Opal Creek Wilderness Road Decommissioning

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E;S.24,26&32;T9S,R5E;S.17.
The project would close or remove 8 miles of existing road in the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness.

Status: Deferred pending funding

Contact: Dani Rosetti

East Hum Unit #5 Slide & Stream Restoration

Detroit RD, T9S,R6E,S.2.
Project will stabilize slide activities within the East Hum Timber Sale Unit #5, (harvested in 1995). Projects include installing drainage structures, adding large woody material, and terracing of slopes and stream banks.

Decision: September 1, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dave Klug

MCKENZIE

SPECIAL USES

Installation of Over-length Vehicle Sensing Device

McKenzie RD, T16S,R6E,S.10.
Oregon Department of Transportation proposes to install in-road sensors to detect over-length vehicles entering State Highway 242 (Old McKenzie Hwy.) from State Highway 126.

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

TIMBER SALES

Spot Salvage

McKenzie RD, Various locations.

This project will 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.

Decision: October 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rita Mustatia

MIDDLE FORK

RECREATION

Huckleberry Flats Motorcycle Trail New Construction

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E, S.4,5,18,W.M.

This project will integrate two new segments of trail into the existing Huckleberry Flats Motorcycle Trail No. 4381.

Decision: July 17, 2001

Implementation: September 2001

Contact: Wendy Zustiak

Trail Reconstruction - South Willamette/Lawler Trail

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

Reconstruction of South Willamette/Lawler Trail.

Decision: June 30, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Bough Sales

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Harvest boughs from approximately 308 acres of 10- to 30-year-old stands..

Decision: September 13, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dennis Beckner

TIMBER SALES

Giggle Timber Sale

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

Regeneration harvest of approximately 370 acres, producing an estimated 8 MMBF of timber, with 2.2 miles of road construction and 7.25 miles of road closure.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Rick Scott

Bear Tire Salvage

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

Salvage of windfallen trees along the 5826 road system.

Decision: July 25, 2001

Implementation: Summer 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.

Decision: August 29, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Dome Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E, S.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.

Decision: September 14, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: John Poet

WILDLIFE

Wildlife Viewing Platform

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E, S.3,4.

A wildlife viewing platform construction with Boy Scouts, located between Sand Prairie Campground and the Hills Creek Reservoir.

Status: Dropped

Contact: D'Lynn Williams

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

WILDLIFE (cont.)

Sourgrass Meadow Enhancement Project

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

Meadow habitat improvement project using a variety of methods to remove small pole conifers that have become established in what was historically meadow habitat.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

SWEET HOME

FACILITIES

Cascadia Work Center

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E,S.31.

Alternatives for managing the Cascadia Work Center. Options to sell all or part of the property, sell the buildings and leasing the land, or make property available through a special use permit.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Daren Utley

SILVICULTURE

Precommercial Thinning and Conifer Release

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E; T13S, R4E; T14S, R6E; T15S, R4E. AMA.

Precommercially thin 1,180 acres with 88 acres of conifer release.

Decision: July 3, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001.

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

Conifer Pruning

Sweet Home RD, South Santiam and Upper McKenzie Watersheds. AMA.

Prune 264 acres at seventy Douglas- fir saplings per acre.

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001.

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

Aerial Fertilization

Sweet Home RD, South Santiam, Middle Santiam and Upper McKenzie Watersheds. AMA.

Aerial fertilization with standard urea prill on 899 acres.

Decision: July 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001.

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Bear Grass Sales

Sweet Home RD, Quartzville and Calapooia Watersheds.

Propose to harvest beargrass in managed stands. A third of the plants on a third of the acres for two 3,000 acre sales are proposed.

Decision: September 14, 2001

Implementation: FY 2001/2002.

Contact: Rob Ginn

WILDLIFE

Big Game Fertilization

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

Aerial application of fertilizer (16-20-0) on 15 acres within a managed stand to improve big game forage quality within the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area.

Decision: September 12, 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Virgil Morris



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