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This “Spring 2003” 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. Each activity lists a contact person if you want additional information to share ideas.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guides us in making informed decisions regarding the environment. Through NEPA, we complete environmental analyses so that the public and responsible official for each project are aware of the effects on the social and natural environment. The objective of NEPA is to make better decisions and document those decisions. The process is dynamic and flexible. If new information is discovered, we will update the information in this quarterly report.

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.”

If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact Neal Forrester at 541-225-6436. The Forest Focus can be found on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

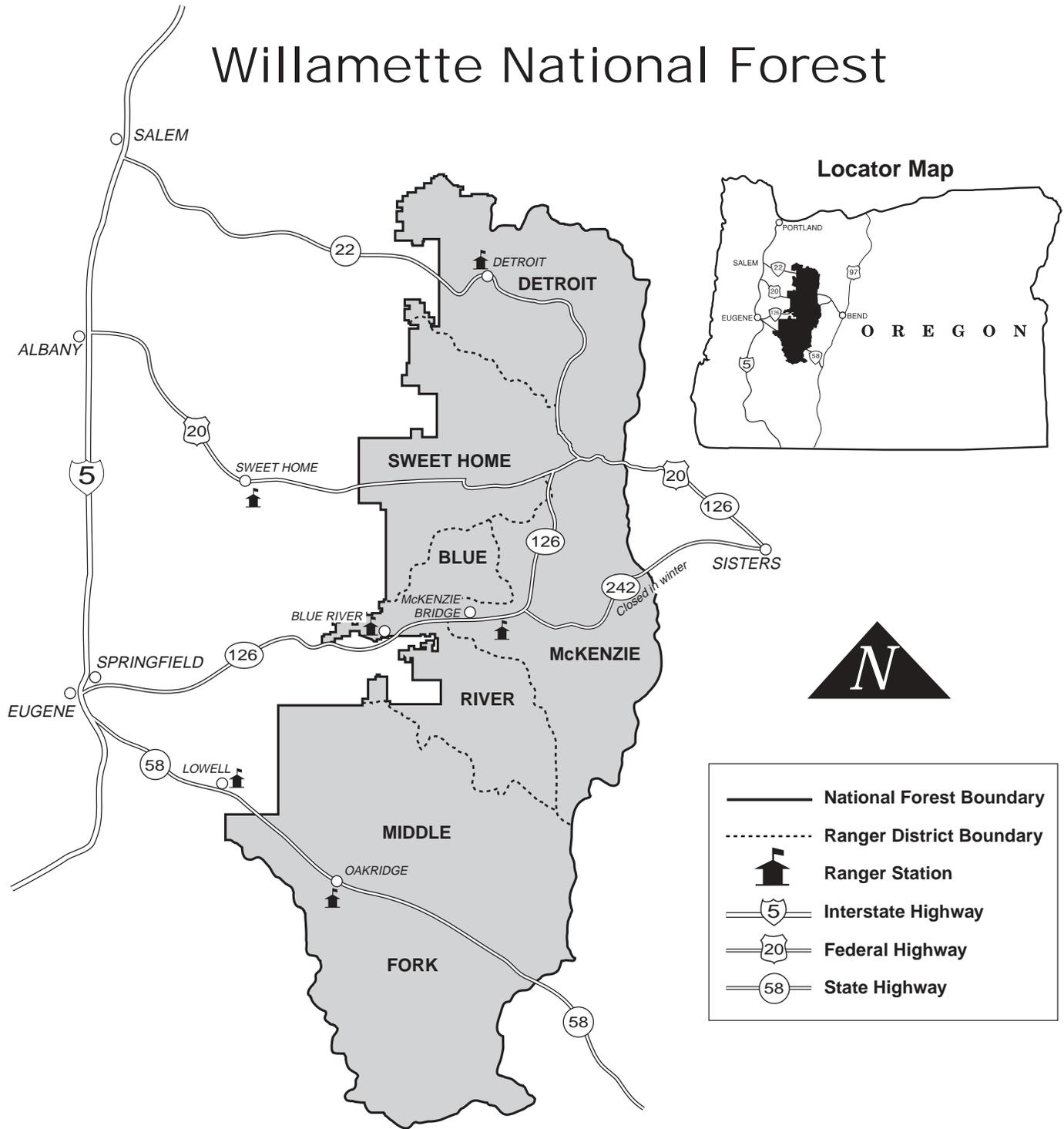
On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dallas Emch".

DALLAS EMCH
Forest Supervisor

Willamette National Forest



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REGION-WIDE:

Plan Amendment to Remove the Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (Collectively the Agencies) will prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to meet the requirements of a Settlement Agreement pursuant to a lawsuit by Douglas Timber Operators against Forest Service and BLM.

The proposed action, generally, is to change the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan), currently included in planning documents of the Forest Service and BLM. Specifically, the Agencies propose to remove the Survey and Manage mitigation measure standards and guidelines. Habitat needs of the affected rare or little-known species would rely on other elements of the Northwest Forest Plan and the existing Forest Service Sensitive Species and the BLM Special Status Species programs, as needed and appropriate.

The proposed action would amend land and resource management plans for National Forests and BLM Districts within the range of the northern spotted owl (generally western Oregon and Washington, and northwestern California). This action will be addressed in a SEIS because the affected species and their management were specifically addressed in the Agency's SEIS for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines, issued in November, 2000, and because the species and their habitat were also addressed in the SEIS for the Northwest Forest Plan, issued in February, 1994. Notice of this proposal was first published in the Federal Register on October 21, 2002.

DATES:

Draft SEIS: January 31, 2003
Public Comment Period: February 1, 2003
through May 1, 2003
Final SEIS: June 20, 2003
Record of Decision: July 25, 2003

ADDRESSES: For more information on this proposal or to receive a copy of the Draft SEIS write to:

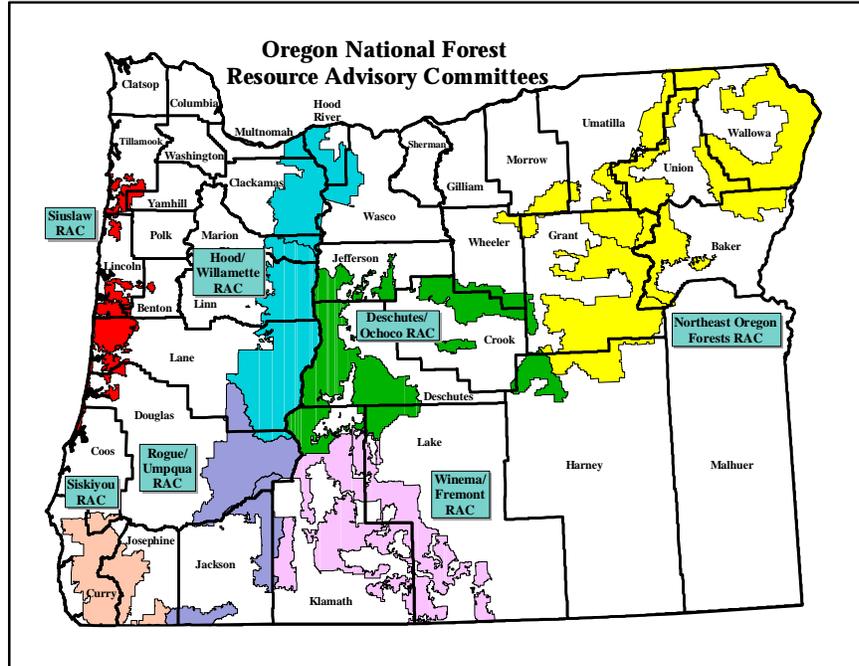
Survey and Manage SEIS Team
P. O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Invasive Plant Project - Pacific Northwest Region

The Regional Forester is preparing an EIS to amend Forest Plan direction to enhance our ability to protect native ecosystems from invasive and non-invasive plants. The analysis will build on the region's existing program by improving our ability to: prevent the introduction of invasive plant species; improve detection and rapid response to new infestations; control existing populations; and provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded. The Notice of Intent was printed in *Federal Register* on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 (p. 55194). The draft EIS is expected to be filed with EPA and available for 45-day public review July 2003. Final EIS is scheduled to be completed December 2003.

For more information contact: Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, Invasive Plant Project, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, P. O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623.

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Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

The Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met five times in 2002 to complete their recommendations for Title II projects for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003. They considered a total of 266 projects from a variety of groups and agencies. They made recommendations to the Mt. Hood Forest Supervisor and the Willamette Forest Supervisor on 153 projects totaling \$8.07 million.

The first newsletter and report to the public on the work of the (RAC) is available on the website listed below. In the newsletter you can find a breakdown of the dollars by county and the types of projects that were funded in each fiscal year. Some of the types of projects funded are: fish habitat restoration; control of noxious weeds; trail maintenance; and environmental education.

New projects for fiscal year 2004 were submitted April 1, 2003.

The RAC will meet May 15-16, 2003 and June 19, 2003 to make their recommendations for 2004 projects. The public is welcome to attend, meeting times and locations are on the following web site:

www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/partnersites/payco

Contact: Donna Short, Sweet Home Ranger District, 541-367-5168

FOREST-WIDE:

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 541-225-6300.

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 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 that the agency 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.

Incidental Special Uses, Forest-Wide Supervisor's Office, Detroit RD, McKenzie River RD, Middle Fork RD, and Sweet Home RD.

All units on the Forest will periodically issue permits for the following types of uses throughout the year, as requested and if approved: Noncommercial Group Uses (over 75 people) that includes weddings, filming/still photography, special events, recreation events, renewals of existing special use permits, etc.

Contact: Sheri Monson, 541-225-6424

FROM THE DISTRICTS:

Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

Effective December 1, 1958 the Federal Power Commission issued the City of Eugene, Oregon, through the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) a license, since amended, to construct, maintain, and operate a hydroelectric development and transmission line known as the Carmen-Smith Power Project No. 2242 for a period of 50 years. The major portion of the project is located on the McKenzie River Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.

EWEB's original license will expire on November 30, 2008. Under rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (successor to the Federal Power Commission) the licensee is required to notify the FERC whether or not they intend to file an application for a new license. Notification of the FERC must be at least five, but no more than five and one-half years before the existing license expires. At the time of the licensee's notification of their intent they also initiate consultation with state, federal resource agencies, and tribes.

Final license issuance decisions are made by the FERC. Those decisions include the terms and conditions under which the licensee will operate the project, the period of the license (30 to 50 years), and other technical issues. Because of the project's location the Willamette National Forest will be significantly involved in many aspects of the relicensing process.

A team of Forest Service employees has been identified to work on this effort. The relicensing team is based at the McKenzie River Ranger District and includes personnel from other Forest Service units. Forest Service participation is primarily guided by various provisions of the Federal Power Act (sections 4(e) and 10(a)), the Wild and Scenic River Acts (section 7), and the Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

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The team will be active throughout the process.

Completion: Estimated to be December 2008
Contact: Marty Douglass, EWEB, 541-484-2411 or Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, 541-822-3381

Horse Creek Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) Plan

McKenzie River RD, T16,17S, R5,6E.
Late-Successional Reserves were designated in the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan Record of Decision for the purpose of maintaining functional, interactive, late-successional and old growth forest ecosystems. A plan will be prepared for the Horse Creek LSR on the McKenzie River Ranger District, to identify long-term goals. The plan will recommend specific future actions to improve late-successional habitat conditions at the stand and landscape levels. Other potential site-specific projects such as prescribed burning, road management, and habitat restoration, will also be reviewed in the plan.

Completion: Spring 2003
Contact: Rita Mustatia or Ruby Seitz

Trail Bridge Dam Emergency Spillway Capacity Modification

McKenzie River RD T15S,R6E, S.11 and 12.

The City of Eugene holds a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to operate the Carmen – Smith Hydroelectric project on the upper McKenzie River. Project operation is the responsibility of Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB). As part of their inspection responsibilities, FERC has directed the utility to make modifications to Trail Bridge dam to address the dam's emergency spillway capacity. Dam safety requirements call for increasing the emergency spillway capacity to pass a revised theoretical maximum flood.

FERC is conducting an environmental analysis of the utility's proposed action to address this issue. Since the project is located entirely on

National Forest System lands, ranger district personnel have been working with EWEB in the development of the overall project proposal. FERC's analysis is scheduled to be completed in time for project implementation this fall.

As currently proposed the project will lower about 300 linear feet of the saddle dike by approximately 11 feet. Construction activities will be located entirely within the project boundaries; ground disturbance associated with work is within the area originally impacted by project construction; and the project will involve no dredging, filling or other in-water work. Last summer, EWEB placed signage at three locations around Trail Bridge reservoir notifying recreationists of the project. These informational signs will be updated as construction approaches and will remain in place through construction.

Completion: November 2003
Contact: Marty Douglass, EWEB, 541-484-2411 or Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, 541-822-3381

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Heritage Expedition Camp

Sweet Home Ranger District Events

The Willamette National Forest, with many partners, is offering two Heritage Expeditions in the summer of 2003. These multi-day treks offer hiking, camping, and exploring with archaeologist, botanists, biologist, geologists, and other professionals. Fees include meals, activities, lodging, and event transportation. "Trekking the Old Santiam Wagon Road" is offered August 3-7, 2003. "Coast to Crest – Native American Trade Routes" is offered August 24-29, 2003.

The Sweet Home Ranger District is also offering eight one-day hikes with a fee of \$10.00 per hike (\$5.00 with a Golden Age/Access card). There is a 16 person maximum per hike. Hikes offered are: Trout Creek-Rooster Rock 6/26; Wildflower Hike 7/12; N. Pyramid Trail 7/24; Gordon Meadows 8/14; Berry Picking 8/30; Cascadia Cave 9/18; Fall Colors 10/10 and Mushroom Hike 11/7.

Other events are: Free Fishing Day 6/7; Heritage Expedition for 15-18 years of age, 7/14-17; CCC Alumni Potluck Picnic 7/17; and Iron Mountain Weed Pull 8/2.

To make reservations, or obtain more information about Heritage Expeditions, contact Joanne West, at phone number listed below. You can also find more information

and contact persons on the Willamette National Forest web site under events. The web site is: www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette

Contact: Joanne West, Sweet Home Ranger District, (541) 367-9206



Heritage Expedition, Santiam Wagon Road

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Jim's Creek Restoration Proposal

Middle Fork R D, T24S, R3E, S.1,2,3,11,12
The District is beginning an analysis of the potential restoration of an area that used to be a ponderosa pine and Oregon white oak savanna. This once more open forest has become overgrown with younger Douglas-fir over the last 100 years. This area occurs in the Middle Fork of the Willamette River watershed, about eight miles above Hill's Creek Reservoir. The analysis will identify management actions that would need to occur to facilitate the eventual restoration of this important vegetation type. These activities, once identified, would likely be implemented within a year or two of the completion of the analysis.

Status: Scoping

Contact: Tim Bailey (541)782-5248

South Santiam Watershed Analysis Update

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R2,3,4&5E;
T14S,R3,4&5E; T15S,R4E. AMA.
The District interdisciplinary team is preparing an update to the 1995 South Santiam Watershed Analysis.

Status: Scoping

Completion: Fall 2003

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

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Current Projects

Calendar Year SOPA Quarters

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

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.

Detroit RD

Fire & Fuels

Breitenbush Summer Homes Fuel Reduction

Detroit RD

T9S, R7E, S.21

The proposed project will treat natural fuels on approximately 40 acres in the vicinity of the Breitenbush and Devil's Creek summer home tracts.

Status: Pre-Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Bob Aggen

Recreation

Blowout Suspension Bridge Trail

Detroit RD

T11S, R5E, S.27

Reconstruction/relocation of segments of Trail 3365 from parking area on Blowout Road 10 to Blowout Suspension bridge. Project would improve safety and accessibility for trail users and reduce impacts to soils and water.

Status: On-Hold Pending Funding

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Detroit Lake State Park Master Plan EA

Detroit RD

T10S, R5E, S.2,3,10.

Detroit Lake State Park facilities are located on Federal land. The State Parks and Recreation Department has recently completed a Master Plan for the facilities and requested an Authorization for use with a 20-year term.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Rodney Stewart

Current Projects

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: On-Hold Pending Funding

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Brian McGinley

Special Forest Products Sales, FY2003

Detroit RD

District Wide

Proposal is for the harvest of boughs, Christmas trees and other forest products including species such as beargrass, salal, chinquapin, willow, alder maple ceanothus and vine maple.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Vic Baumann

Silviculture

Aerial Fertilization

Detroit RD

District Wide

Aerial application of Urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 2500 acres of managed stands 3-70 years of age.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Vic Baumann

Pre-commercial Thinning and Tree Pruning 2003

Detroit RD

District Wide

Thinning project would cut trees 5" dbh and under to a stand density of approximately 300 trees per acre. Western white pine trees would be pruned to control blister rust disease.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Vic Baumann

Timber Sales

2002 Detroit Snow Damage

Detroit RD

T8S,R5E,S.4,9; T9S,R5E,S.26,27,28,35;
T9S,R6E,S.15,16,21,28,29,30,31.

Heavy snowfall in February 2002, caused damage to 70 year-old stands in several locations. Project would salvage down and damaged timber and perform thinning in selected stands to minimize additional damage from beetle infestation.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Dave Leach

Highway Snowbreak Hazard Reduction

Detroit RD

T9S,R6E,S.24; T9S, R7E,S.19,20,28.

Heavy snowfall in winter of 2002, caused damage to timber stands in several locations along State Highway 22 and Road 2243. This project would remove hazardous trees which pose a safety threat to travelers.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Dave Leach

Current Projects

Office Compound Thin

Detroit RD

T10S,R5E,S.3

Project is a continuation of vegetation management around administrative buildings and improvements on the Detroit Ranger District compound.

Status: On-Hold Pending Funding

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Dave Leach

Sugar Pine Management

Detroit RD

T8S, R6E, S.34; T9S, R6E- East Humbug and Fox Creek Drainages.

Proposal is to remove selected trees and understory vegetation near approximately 160 sugar pines to reduce competition for moisture and nutrients and underbuning and provide favorable conditions for natural reseeding of sugar pine.

Status: Document Released for Review

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Dave Leach

Forest-Wide

Forest Plan Amendments

Peregrine Falcon Forest Plan Amendment

Forest-Wide

After delisting of peregrine falcon under the ESA, twenty-five 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 falcon population.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Winter 2004

Contact: Neal Forrester or Ken Byford

McKenzie River RD

Botany

Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

McKenzie River RD

T15S,R7E, S.10.

Proposal to remove mostly understory and mid-story trees on 60 to 170 acres that have encroached upon and altered the meadow environment of Bunchgrass Meadow.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Fall 2004

Contact: Nancy Wilson

Facilities

Pebble RAWS Relocation

McKenzie River RD

T15S,R7E, S.29

Proposal to relocate the Pebble Remote Access Weather Station (RAWS) to a new 2 acre site near its current location at the Pebble Seed Orchard.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Nancy Wilson

Lands and Minerals

Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E,S13&14.

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest System Lands. Landowners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act resulting in sale of small parcels.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Winter 2004

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Current Projects

Recreation

Horse Creek Well Replacement

McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E, S.24

Proposal to drill new well to replace existing well at Horse Creek Group Campground.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Sandra Ratliff

Santiam Pass Dispersed Recreation Plan

McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7, 7 1/2, and 8E.

McKenzie River and the Sisters Districts (Deschutes NF) are preparing an area management plan that may include site specific projects to develop Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails, to restore dispersed camping areas, and manage vegetation at Santiam Pass.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Stacey Smith

Santiam Sno-Park Toilet Replacement

McKenzie River RD

T13S,R71/2E, S.24

Placement of new toilet building at Santiam Sno-Park. The building may be repositioned within the sno-park to take advantage of snow plowing.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Steve Otoupalik

Road-Use

Highway 20 Rockfall and Avalanche Project

McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7 1/2E, S. 23,26 (Willamette NF); T13S, R8E, S. 26 (Deschutes NF)

Oregon Dept. of Transportation is proposing a project that will limit the effects of rockfall and snow avalanche on US Highway 20 near Hogg Rock on the Willamette NF and Johnny Cut on the Deschutes NF.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Summer 2007

Contact: Pat Hutchins or Al Brown

Special Uses

EWEB Site Development

McKenzie River RD

T15,16S, R6E, S.1,11,13

Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) proposes to modify and expand their communication network on the District in the vicinity of Olallie Campground and Trail Bridge Reservoir.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Pat Hutchins

ODOT New Communication Tower

McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7E, S. 14

ODOT has requested to replace their existing communication tower at their Santiam Maintenance Yard.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Current Projects

Timber Sales

McKenzie Tributaries (formerly Minor Thin)

McKenzie 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 180 to 380 acres of thinning. Approximately five miles of road are being considered for closure.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Cheryl Friesen

Shadow Salvage (formerly Sinne Salvage)

McKenzie River RD

T17S, R4E, S. 8

Proposal to salvage approximately 55 MBF of blowdown timber. Project area is adjacent to Forest Road 2618317.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Shadie Nimer

Trapper Project

McKenzie River RD

AMA, Blue River Watershed.

Proposal includes 155 acres of timber harvest with a variety of treatments, construction of 1,500 feet of temporary road, and use of low-severity prescribed fire on 92 acres.

Status: Decision Pending

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Cheryl Friesen

Two Bee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie River RD

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

Proposal includes commercial thinning, post and pole thinning, and selective partial harvest on approximately 1,100 acres. Culvert improvements and road decommissioning is also included. Alternatives also include regeneration harvest and prescribed fire.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen

Watershed and Fisheries

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

McKenzie 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: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Dave Bickford

Ore Creek/Simmons Creek Culvert Upgrade

McKenzie River RD

T16S, R4E,S.21, and T17S, R4E, S.16

Project proposes to modify a culvert on Forest Road 1509 to allow fish passage in Ore Creek and on Blue River Drive to allow passage into Simmons Creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Ray Rivera

Current Projects

Upper McKenzie Aquatic Restoration

McKenzie River RD

T15S,R6E, S.1

Proposal to restore channel conditions through placement of large woody material and spawning gravels. The treatment reach is located in the McKenzie River above Trail Bridge Dam, between Trail Bridge Reservoir and the confluence of Kink Creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Dave Bickford

Upper McKenzie River Boat Launch Projects

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

The District proposes to reconstruct or relocate boat launches at Frissell, Paradise, Bruckart, and McKenzie River Trail head launch sites. Boat launch facilities at these sites do not meet current and increasing demand for recreation access.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2004

Contact: Ray Rivera

Watershed Restoration

Elk Creek Road Decommissioning

McKenzie River RD

T19S,R6E,S.8,9.

Roads 1964457, 1964486, 1964488 are currently accessed by a deteriorating log stringer bridge. The project proposes to remove the deteriorating bridge, decommission stranded road segments, and rehabilitate a water source on Elk Creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Dave Kretzing

Lost Lake Riparian Restoration

McKenzie River RD

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

This proposal would rehabilitate disturbed and compacted soil, revegetate 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 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Dave Kretzing or Susan Stearns

Wildlife

Box Canyon Meadow Restoration

McKenzie River RD

T19S,R51/2E,S.24

This project would restore the Box Canyon meadow by hand girdling or cutting saplings that are encroaching into the meadow. The project includes approximately 34 acres.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Browse Cutback

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 140 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected by habitat quality values.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Current Projects

Cavity Creation

McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E

This project proposes to enhance approximately 150 trees for structure and habitat for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species, by cutting cavity starts with chainsaws and drills.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Shane Kamrath

Diversity Thinning

McKenzie River RD

T17S,R6E, S.9,15,16,20,21,and 22

This project proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on 360 acres of 15-28 year old stands in the Horse Creek Late Successional Reserves. True fir boughs or trees that are cut may be salvaged after thinning is complete.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Down Woody Material Creation

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project proposes to fell approximately 276 trees to replace the large down wood that was removed by harvest.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Forage Planting

McKenzie River RD

T19S,R51/2E, S.2, 3

The project proposes to plant berry producing plants on 5 acres in plantations to create habitat for the prey of nearby raptors.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Forage Seeding

McKenzie River RD

T16S, R5E

The project proposes to apply native seed to approximately 65 acres to improve big game forage. The seeding would occur in areas designated for high elk emphasis.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Shane Kamrath

Inoculation Monitoring

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

The project proposes to destructively sample approximately 15 trees that were inoculated with stem decay more than 3 years ago to monitor the decay rates and the effectiveness of creating wildlife habitat using this method.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Current Projects

Nest Box Installation

McKenzie River RD

T16S,R5E

This project proposes to improve nesting habitat for song bird species by installing approximately 12 nest boxes.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Shane Kamrath

Wildlife Tree Creation

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project proposes to create approximately 500 wildlife trees 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 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Wildlife Tree Release

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

This project would create approximately 30 open grown trees in previously thinned 16-20 year old conifer stands by creating a 30 foot radius clearing around the tree.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Penny Harris

Middle Fork RD

Facilities

Little Cowhorn Cabin Rental Analysis

Middle Fork RD

T18S, R3E, S 6

The analysis will address inclusion of Little Cowhorn Mountain Lookout cabin into the district's cabin rental program to generate money for need maintenance.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Tim Bailey

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R2E,S.12;T21S,R3E,S.15.

The district proposes to dispose of five rental homes for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. These houses are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2004

Implementation: Winter 2005

Contact: Tim Bailey

Recreation

Cut P-line for Ski Lift within Current Master Plan

Middle Fork RD

T22S, R6E,S.32,33; T23S,R6E,S.4,5.

Proposal to cut a P-line for surveying for 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: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Current Projects

Greenwaters Rest Area Boat Ramp

Middle Fork RD

T21S, R3E, S.16.

Proposal to rebuild a boat ramp destroyed in 1996 floods on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. The objectives are to provide access for boaters while improving riparian health.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Terri Jones

Trail Bridge - Fall, Johnny, and Clark Cr Trails

Middle Fork RD

T18S,R2E;S.25-29,31; T18S,R3E; S.19-22.

This project proposes to replace deteriorating log bridges with laminated beam bridges.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Sue Baker

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Gray Water Disposal

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R6E,S.9, 16;T22S,R6E,S.6.

Analyzing alternatives for disposing of gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Jim Williams

Waldo Road Sno-Play

Middle Fork RD

T23S, R5.5E

Develop a snow play and sno-park area near Salt Creek Falls to replace the existing sno-park.

Toilet facilities would be provided and a gentle slope would be cleared to provide for sledding, south of Salt Creek.

Status: Document Released for Review

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2004

Contact: Jim Williams

Waldo Wilderness Trail relocation project

Middle Fork RD

T20S R6E, S17,18,20,29 T21S R6E, S5,6,8

T21S R51/2E, S25,36

The analysis will address the relocation of several trails within the portion of the Waldo Wilderness affected by the Charlton Complex wildfire. The proposals are to reduce soil erosion and damage cause by the fire.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Tim Bailey

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: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

Road-Use

Diamond Drive

Middle Fork RD

T24S, R5E,S.21;T25S,R5E,S.13.

Proposal to upgrade 13.3 miles of Road 2154 from, Road 21 to Umpqua Road 6000770, to double-lane paved. The project would widen the existing road to a double lane. Major work items would include clearing, excavation, culvert placement.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Keith Wheeler

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. A new culvert would allow water flow from a 100-year flood event and also improve fish passage.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Gary Rost

Road Use Permit - Hayden

Middle Fork RD

T18S,R2E,S.26.

Cedric L. Hayden is requesting a permit of use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul for five years. Existing road is under permit issued in 1991. No new ground disturbance.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Martin

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R2E,S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin requests use of National Forest land to access her property. Current access from Highway 58 is unsafe due to high volume of traffic.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Neal

Middle Fork RD

T22S,R5E,S.21.27.

Brian Neal is requesting use of National Forest Land to access his property using two roads. His property is surrounded by National Forest.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Riddle

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E,S.15.

Sam Riddle is requesting a private road special use permit for 5 years.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Roads Analysis Middle Fork District

Middle Fork RD

District-wide.

The Middle Fork Travel Analysis Plan is being developed by watershed. Documentation of analyses will be in the form of a management plan. Before implementation, a site specific NEPA document will be completed.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Terri Jones, D'Lynn Williams

Current Projects

Silviculture

Middle Fork Timber Stewardship Project

Middle Fork RD

T19S,R3E. S.25,33.

T20S,R3E,S.4,8,9,15,17,21,23.

Project proposes thinning of young stands. Some of the trees with 8" and larger DBH would be removed. Some remaining trees will be pruned of all limbs to heights of 12 ft. and 24 ft.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Sharon Knoper, Terri Jones

Westfir/Buckhead Post and Pole Thinning

Middle Fork RD

T21S R2E S1, T21S R3E, S6

This project proposes the thinning of post and poles in the Westfir and Buckhead Orchards. It will be a variable density thinning with a focus of keeping the most vigorous trees to provide for future improved seed. Total acres is 35.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Kim Brown

Special Uses

Cascade Cream Puff

Middle Fork RD

District-wide.

Requesting a special use permit for a 100 mile, 3 lap mountain bike race. Utilizes various existing roads and trails including FS roads 19,1910,1802, 1802-141, 1802-140, 1912, the Alpine Trail, and the North Fork Trail.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

City of Oakridge

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E, S.1; Dead Mtn. Electronic Site.

Request for a special use permit for constructing a 16 x 16 foot cement building with 150-foot tower to house current site users in a Forest Service building. New building will also provide for additional users.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Community Festivals Association

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork Ranger District

Brian Jeanotte is requesting a special use authorization for a 10K footrace and 2 mile walk, during the Oakridge Tree Planting Festival. The route will include the Rigdon Trail # 4233, and the Rigdon work center.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

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: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Current Projects

Ethan Nickel Guide Service

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork of the Willamette River, Hills Creek Reservoir to Lookout Point Reservoir

This proposal is a request for a Special Use authorization for outfitting and guiding river and fishing trips using a non-motorized driftboat. The location is from Hills Creek Reservoir to the Corps of Engineers boundary at Lookout Point Reservoir.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Lewis & Clark College Outdoor Program

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork RD, Waldo Lake Area.

This is a request for a 5 year special use permit for use of Waldo Lake for New Student Orientation and Service Project. Camping would be done at designated site with portable self-contained sanitation.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

NW Bike Festival

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork RD, Various trails.

This proposal is a request from Randy Dreiling for a special use authorization for Three Recreation Events State Championships, June 22, 2003, August 2-3 (races), 8-10 (tours), 2003.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Adventures

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork RD, various trails and roads

Randy Dreiling is requesting a special use authorization for outfitting and guiding. This is the 3rd year. An additional shuttle service for the Middle Fork Trail, and Salt Creek Falls Trail for 20-30 persons at a time. Outside of Wilderness areas

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Fur Takers

Middle Fork RD

T22S R61/2E, Shadow Bay Campground, Waldo Lake

This proposal is for a special use authorization for a 3 day recreation event for lectures, demonstrations, contests, canoe races, and auction. Oregon Furs Takers is the organization, dates are August 8-10, 2003.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Tree Planting Poker Ride

Middle Fork RD

Middle Fork Ranger District

Mavis Pas is requesting a special use authorization for 25 - 75 horse riders to use forest service trails during the Tree Planting Festival. To ride on road 2404, Aubry Mtn trail and Flat Creek trail.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Current Projects

Where's Waldo- 100K Ultra Marathon & Relay

Middle Fork RD

District-wide (Deschutes NF and Willamette NF).

Requesting special use permit for recreational 100 K relay race August 16,2003, starting at Willamette Pass and climbing several mountain peaks (Fuji, Twins, Maiden Peak) before returning to the ski area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Timber Sales

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD

T20S,R3&4E.

Approximately 6.1 MMBF of commercial thinning and 0.2 MBBF of sanitation salvage. Project would include construction of approximately 1.7 miles of temporary road.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2004

Implementation: Fall 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Emigrant Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T24S,R5E.

Salvage of approximately 150 mbf of blown down trees from winter 2003, the trees are across the road and adjacent to the road.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Hehe Density Management Project

Middle Fork RD

T18S R2E S1,12,13,24,25 T18S R3E S1-12,14-22, 27-30

This project proposes up to 3000 acres of density management in young 30-60 yr plantations in the Fall Creek Late Successional Reserve.

Associated activities include roads, fuel treatments, and other watershed restoration projects.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2004

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Gary Marsh

Jump Up Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD

T20S,R3E.

Project proposes to thin approximately 600 acres of managed stands from 45 - 75 years of age, producing about 7 MMBF of timber and reconstruction of about 21 miles of existing road. This project includes young stand density management and trail work.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

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: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

McCredie Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T21S, R4E

Salvage of decked logs at several sites near Highway 58 east of Oakridge. These logs originated from an ODOT road maintenance and widening project.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Moolack Creek Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T19S,R3,4,5, and 5 1/2E;T20S, R3E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 200 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along road 19 and spurs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Niner Thin

Middle Fork RD

T20S, R4E, S.5-8

This project proposes 2800 acres of commercial thinning in managed stands along the road 1928 area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2005

Implementation: Winter 2006

Contact: Rick Scott

Stumble II Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T18S,R2,3,&4E;T19S,R2,3,&4E

This project is a continuation of the salvage of blown down trees and hazard trees removed along the Fall Creek Corridor and connecting spurs (excluding the Puma Fire area).

Status: Document Development

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Sugar Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T22S, R5.5E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 200 MBF of dead, down and danger trees along Road 5894.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Windy Cabin Thin Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD

T19S,R2E,S.25,2634-36;T19S,R3E,S.30,31;T20S,R2E,S.1-3,10-12;T20S.R3E.S.5-8.

Commercial thinning of about 500 - 800 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 3-7 MMBF of timber.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Watershed and Fisheries

Batatavilla Road Closures

Middle Fork RD

Little Fall Creek, Fall Creek, and Winberry Creek

This project could close up to 35 miles of road.

The project is in accordance with the District Roads Analysis.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Gary Rost

Current Projects

Bear Creek Stream Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD

T23S, R5E, S.28

This project would place 45 to 50 logs within the wetted channel of Bear Creek by helicopter. The purpose of this project is to increase pool area and spawning habitat for bull trout and resident cutthroat trout.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Doug Larson

Heartland Stream Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD

T21S R4E S4

The proposed project will enhance a 3/4 mile stretch of Salmon Creek for resident fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Hillbilly Aquatic Restoration 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: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Road Closures for Watershed Restoration/Access Mgt

Middle Fork RD

District-wide.

This project may close up to 20 miles of road on the Little Fall Creek, Fall Creek, and Winberry Creek areas.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Gary Rost

Salmon Creek Levee Maintenance Project

Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E,S.15,16.

Proposal to repair five levee breaches caused by 1996 floods in order to improve public safety and provide protection to a primary Oakridge city wellhead. Treatments include re-establishing levee slope, and keying riprap to streambed.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Terri Jones

Salvelinus Stream Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD

T24S, R4E, S.11,12

This project includes placing large wood within the main channel of the Middle Fork Willamette River, in a side channel, and in Swift Creek. The purpose is to improve habitat for spring chinook and bull trout by creating spawning habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Doug Larson

Current Projects

Wildlife

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 of local bat populations.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Dick Davis

North Shore Meadow Restoration

Middle Fork RD

T20S,R2E,S.9.

This project would attempt to restore historic dry meadow conditions by treating extensive noxious weed populations, treating small conifer encroachment, enhancing the Oregon white oak, and by application of prescribed fire to enhance native vegetation.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

Staley Pond Restoration

Middle Fork RD

T24S,R4E, S.19

This project proposed to enhance Staley Pond to more easily support Western Pond Turtles, waterfowl, and to remove existing noxious weeds.

Status: Pre-Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Kim Garvey

Sweet Home RD

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 includes 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.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Rooster Rock Trail Relocation

Sweet Home RD

T13S, R4E, S26

This project proposes to move the trailhead from an unsafe location to an existing disturbed site about 500 feet east, and construct approximately 500 feet of new trail.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Road-Use

West Boundary Rock Source Expansion

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: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Doug Shank

Current Projects

Timber Sales

Canal Thin

Sweet Home RD

T11S,R4E,S.10,11,12,14,15; T11S,R5E,S.7,8.

Commercially thin 415 acres of average 45 year old managed and natural stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Winter 2005

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

Gordon Three Thin

Sweet Home RD

T13S,R3E,S.36; T13S,R4E,S.31; T14S,R3E,S.1;
T14S,R4E,S.5,6,10,11,15.

The Gordon and Three areas will be combined in one EA. Gordon proposes to commercially thin 160 acres of 40 year old managed stands. Three proposes to commercially thin 400 acres of 45 year old managed stands in T13S,R5E,S.31; T14S,R5E,S.5,6,8,16,17.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

Lower Cala Thin

Sweet Home RD

T15S,R4E,S.16,17,18,20,30.

Commercially thin 225 acres of average 35 year old managed and natural stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Winter 2005

Contact: Brian McGinley

Quartz Thin

Sweet Home RD

T11S,R5E,S.21,26,27,28,29,31,35.

Commercially thin 395 acres of 35 year old managed stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Winter 2005

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

South Pyramid

Sweet Home RD

T12S,R6E,S.28-33; T12S,R5E,S.25.

Harvest of about 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Cr. subdrainage includes regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction also considered. Rescinded 1999 NOI. Project continues as an EA.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Wiley Thin

Sweet Home RD

T14S,R2E,S.12,15,21,26.

Commercially thin about 145 acres of 40 year old managed stands.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Current Projects

Wildlife

Topo Falls Big Game Habitat Improvement

Sweet Home RD

T13S, R4E, S.31. AMA

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 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Virgil Morris

Decisions Made Since Last Quarter

Detroit RD

Recreation

Campground Toilet Replacement

Detroit RD

T9S,R6E,S.28; T11S,R7E,S.15

Project would install new vault toilets and close existing pit toilets in Humbug and Marion Forks Campgrounds.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 2/28/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Ray Crist/Penny Keen

Hunt's Cove Trail

Relocation/Reconstruction

Detroit RD

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

The proposal is to reconstruct and/or relocate approximately two miles of trail between Hunt's Cove and Cathedral Rocks in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 2/28/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Woodpecker Trailhead Parking

Improvement

Detroit RD

T10S, R7E, S.8.

The proposal is to create a formal turn-around and parking area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3342. Project is located within an existing harvested area.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 2/28/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Road-Use

Bruno Meadows Area Road Decommissioning

Detroit RD

T.11S,R7E,S.5,8.

Proposal is to protect and improve big game habitat and protect water quality by obliterating a segment of Road 2234-175. Project includes removal of culverts, water-barring, scarifying and planting of native plants and seeding of forage species.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/14/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: David Klug

Watershed and Fisheries

Seeding, Mulching, Noxious Weed Removal

Detroit RD

District Wide

Proposal is to perform hand and machine seeding and mulching of roadsides using native seeds and weed-free mulch and includes the hand removal of noxious weeds.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/14/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: David Klug

Decisions Made Since Last Quarter

Forest-Wide

Special Uses

Oregon National Guard Military Training

Forest-Wide

T19S,R4E, S.13-16,19-22; T20S,R2E, S.33-35;
T21S,R2E, S.2-10,16,17.

Supervisors Office for Middle Fork RD. Oregon National Guard Military training on the Middle Fork Ranger District: Christy Flats area and Shady Dell area roughly bordered by Deception Butte and Patterson Mt.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 1/10/2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Shari Monson

McKenzie River RD

Silviculture

Conifer Pruning

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

Selectively prune trees on approximately 500 of young conifer timber stands to reduce the risk of infection from blister rust.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/7/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Kevin Moran or Tim Kee

Conifer Release

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

Release conifer seedlings in young plantations from competition from brush on approximately 200 acres.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/7/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Kevin Moran or Tim Kee

Pre-commercial Thinning, 2003

McKenzie River RD

District-wide

Pre-commercially thin (PCT) approximately 1,050 acres on the District at several locations. Spacing would be 225 trees per acre (14 x14) to 300 trees per acre (12 x 12).

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/7/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran

Special Uses

Upper McKenzie Water Cooperative Permit Renewal

McKenzie River RD

T16S, R5E, S. 16, AMA

Proposal to renew a Special Use authorization for a waterline on National Forest System lands that provides water to the residents in the West Fork Horse Creek area.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/9/2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Middle Fork RD

Special Uses

Frog Holler Special Use Permit Analysis

Middle Fork RD

T22S, R3E, Sec 4

The analysis will determine the terms and conditions of a special use permit to be issued yearly over the next five years to the Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders, Inc. for the conduction of a four day Rendezvous at Larison Cove, on Hill's Creek Reservoir.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 1/31/2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Tim Bailey

Decisions Made Since Last Quarter

Mountain Market Faire

Middle Fork RD

T21S, R3E, Section 16

Evonne Lowrey's requesting a special use permit for a Saturday market to be held at the parking area off Highway 58, behind the FS building. There will be 20 to 40 vendors, featuring local arts, crafts, food, etc. 4-5-03 through 11-1-03.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 4/5/2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Sewage Treatment Permit Renewal

Middle Fork RD

T21S, R3E, S.18.

The City of Oakridge requests renewal of the permit to operate sewage treatment plant. The permit currently authorizes operation of the processing plant and spreading of treated effluent on approximately 13 acres of National Forest lands.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 3/24/2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Timber Sales

Burro Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T22S, R4E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 50 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along Roads 23, 5875, and spurs off 5875.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 3/28/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Horse Salvage

Middle Fork RD

T19S, R5E; T20S, R5E

This project proposes to salvage approximately 50 MBF of dead, down, and danger trees along roads 1939, and 1944.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 3/28/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Sweet Home RD

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.

Status: Cancelled

Decision:

Implementation:

Contact: Mike Rassbach

Silviculture

Precommercial Thinning and Release

Sweet Home RD

Quartzville Creek, Middle and South Santiam, and McKenzie Watersheds

The District proposes to precommercial thin 723 acres and conifer release 38 acres. The land allocations and acres for these activities are 515 acres in Late-Successional Reserve, 65 acres in Matrix and 181 in Aquatic Management area.

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: 3/26/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

Decisions Made Since Last Quarter

Timber Sales

Parks Overstory Removal

Sweet Home RD

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

Overstory removal of existing shelterwood and pre-logged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 7 units totaling 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 2 to 5 MMBF.

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Decision: 3/11/2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

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