



Summer Quarter / August 2001

## Advisory Council Completes Proposed Opal Creek Plan

After a full year of lively discussions, an Advisory Council has developed a proposed management plan for the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA). Council members have worked with their respective constituents and brought those voices to the table as they developed the proposed plan. This plan may be modified if public sentiment seems to be different from what the Council brought forward. Public comment on the proposed plan will end September 4, 2001.

The Opal Creek Act, passed in 1996, required the Willamette National Forest to develop a management plan for the SRA with the help of the Advisory Council. The Council consists of 13 members of the public who represent varied interests such as recreation, Native American tribes, mining, environmental organizations, education and research, and local communities, economic development, Marion County, City of Salem, State of Oregon, in-holders, and adjacent communities and landowners.

The proposed plan embodies much of what exists in the Opal Creek Act, including:

1. Protect and provide for the enhancement of the natural, scenic, recreational, historic and cultural resources of the area in the vicinity of Opal Creek
2. Protect and support the economy of the communities of the North Santiam Canyon; and
3. Provide increased protection for an important drinking water source for communities served by the North Santiam River.
4. Provide for a broad range of land uses, including

recreation, harvesting of nontraditional forest products, and educational and research opportunities.

5. Prohibit the cutting and selling of trees. (Trees may only be cut for public safety, or activities related to administration.)
6. Except for access that existed on the date of enactment, motorized vehicles will not be permitted in the SRA.
7. Subject to valid existing rights, all lands in the SRA will be withdrawn from mining activities.

In addition, the proposed plan identifies four use intensity zones to help ensure the varied interests in the SRA. See map on next page to view the proposed intensity zones:



### Very Low Intensity Zone –

The area would remain undeveloped with little or no evidence of recent human activity or impacts.

### Low Intensity Zone –

This area would have a few rustic facilities and large portions would remain remote and without trails

### Medium Intensity Zone –

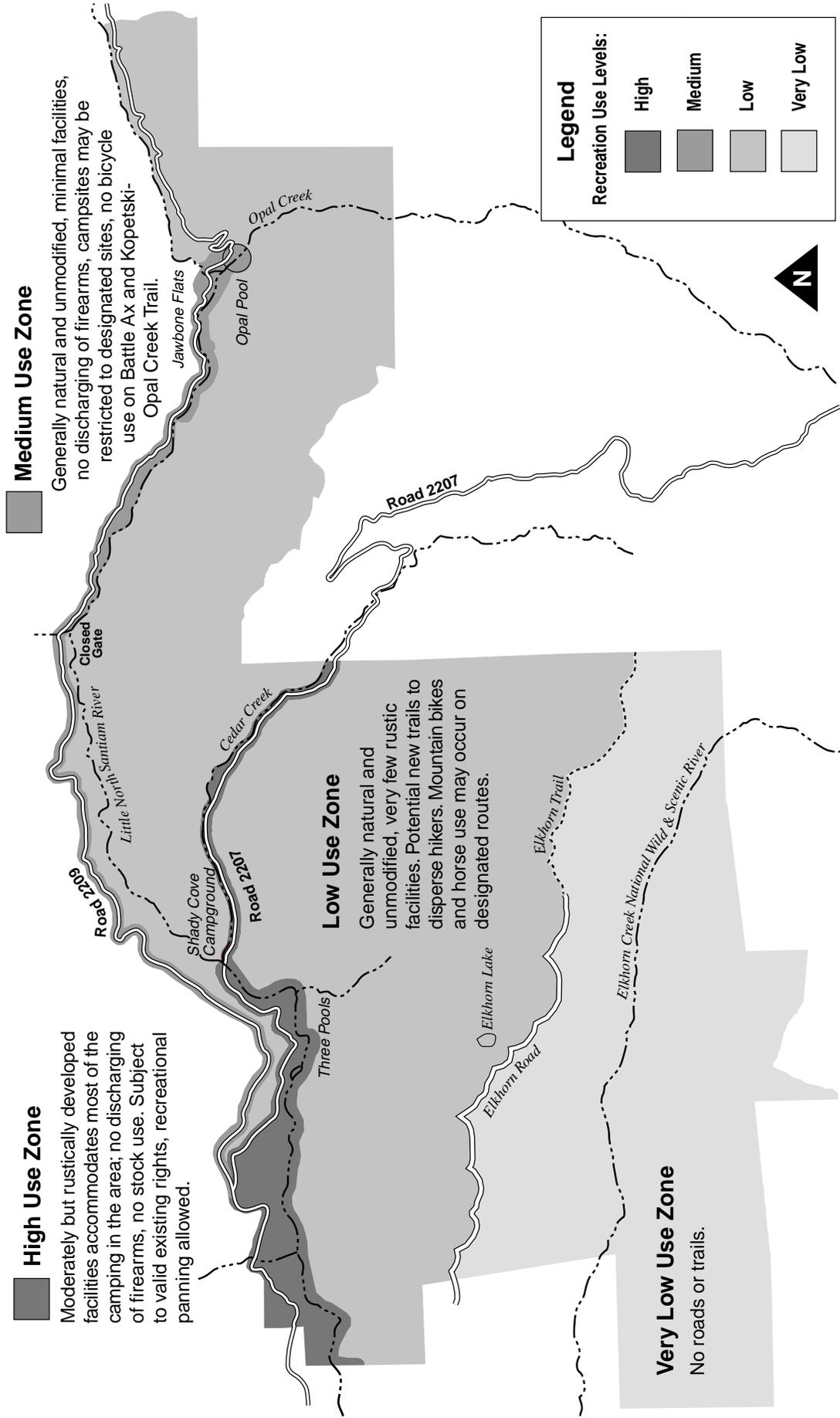
This area would emphasize

day use instead of over night use. Minimal facilities exist to protect resources, ensure visitor safety, educate users, and disperse use.

### High Intensity Zone –

Most overnight use would occur in this area. Possible facilities include campgrounds, parking areas, picnic sites, sanitation facilities, vehicle control barriers, hardened camp ar-

# Proposed Intensity Use Zones for the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area



eas, kiosks, river access, viewing platforms, boardwalks, hiking trails and trailheads.

Access into the SRA has been of interest to many people. While a transportation plan will be completed, the proposed plan states that:

1. Roads to existing recreation sites and facilities would remain.
2. Roads not needed would be closed or decommissioned as warranted for resource protection.
3. No new roads would be constructed.
4. Motorized vehicles would not be permitted off of open roads.
5. Any newly created trails would disperse use and provide loop travel opportunities.
6. Trail types and difficulty would be consistent with the use zones.
7. No trails would exist in the very low intensity zone.
8. Trails would be closed to off-road motorized vehicle use.
9. Bicycles would not be allowed on Opal Creek and Battle Ax Trails.
10. No livestock in high intensity zone.

The final SRA management plan will amend the Willamette National Forest Plan. Through public

comment, we hope to learn whether the proposed management plan accurately reflects the legislative intent as well as public needs.

Future important dates to know in the public process are:

9/4/2001	Analyze public issues
9/30/2001	Develop alternatives based on public issues. Analyze the effects of implementing each alternative. Write the Environmental Analysis (EA).
11/1/2001	EA released for public review and comment.
12/1/2001	Review and comment period on EA ends. Forest Service responds to comments.
12/15/2001	Forest Service issues Decision Notice and 45-day appeal period begins.

All the information about the plan as well as comment sheets are available on the Willamette National Forest website at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/mgmt/opalcreek/opalcreekfirst.htm>.



Visitors enjoy the old growth at Opal Creek SRA.

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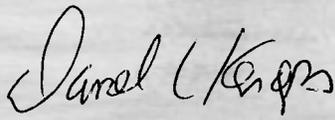
This "Summer 2001" edition of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), will update you, the owners and stakeholders of this forest, on our planning efforts for future projects. Our planning focuses on activities that protect, conserve, restore, and enhance 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:

- Combining Blue River and McKenzie Ranger Districts into the McKenzie River Ranger District, and
- Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (aka "Payments to States Act").
- Waldo Lake EA available for review. See page 17.

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

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

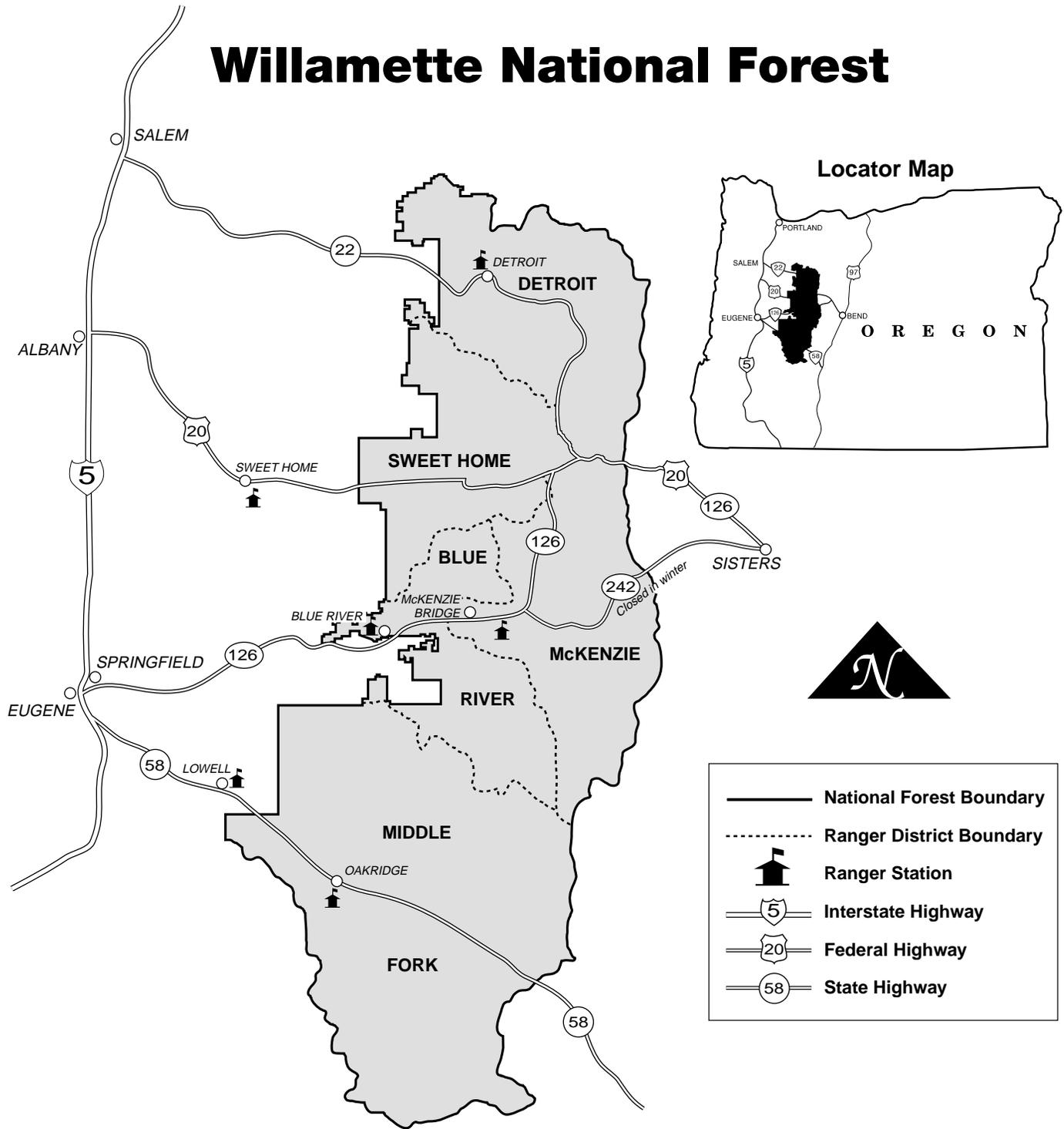


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# For Your Information

## NATION-WIDE

### Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act

Counties, watershed councils, stakeholders, permittees, and others will soon be submitting project proposals for grants under the "Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000" or the "Payment to States Act" as it is more commonly called. The Act strengthens the connection of communities to the land and water that sustains them. It responds to the reduction in timber harvest over the last 10 years and its parallel reduction of timber receipts to states and counties. The Act will provide the rural counties an increased and predictable level of funding for local schools and roads by adding approximately \$1.1 billion above current payments over the next five years under three titles. "Title I" projects, i.e., schools and roads, will be funded with 80-85% of the payments. Counties choose whether to dedicate the remaining 15-20% of the funds for "Title II" or "Title III" projects or return this amount back to the General Treasury. Title II funds projects that benefit resources on Federal lands, and are reviewed and approved by a Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Title III funds projects that are community oriented, such as environmental education, search and rescue, community forestry, community service work, easement purchases, and fire prevention and county planning, and includes 45 days of public comment, and RAC notification—not approval. For those interested in submitting a project, contact your local County Commissioner's office, Forest Service or BLM office. More information about this program is available on the Willamette Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette>.

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## FOREST-WIDE

### Blue River District and McKenzie District Combine to Form McKenzie River Ranger District

On Monday, July 23, 2001, Forest Supervisor Darrel Kenops announced the consolidation of Blue River Ranger District and McKenzie Ranger District to form the McKenzie River Ranger District. Collaborative negotiations with the National Federation of Federal Employees, Local 457, were completed and the consolidation package will be forwarded to the Chief of the Forest Service for final approval.

This new Ranger District is about 550,000 acres in size, and will be managed as one unit. One District Ranger will be in charge, with two offices to serve the public. The McKenzie site will be the primary office for the Ranger District. The Blue River site will be a Service Center that will include a receptionist for visitor and community information, a clerical position that will support both offices, a permit administrator and the district law enforcement officer.

The two Ranger Districts originally had a combined total of 11 Management Assistant (RDMA) positions. This consolidation reduces that organization to seven positions. A total of nine vacant positions are identified to be abolished. This represents a salary savings of \$400,000. Other cost savings include decommissioning of the Blue River warehouse and tree cooler.

According to Forest Supervisor Kenops, "This consolidation just makes sense. It helps us position ourselves for the future. We need to be organizationally flexible in light of future workloads, budgets and employee skills and talents."

District Ranger John Allen noted, "We recognize our role in both the Blue River and McKenzie River communities. Our employees live and work as community partners in many ways. We are working on an intergovernmental public service concept at the Blue River Service Center that would increase law enforcement coordination, contribute to community security and public services."

The Blue River Service Center will be located in the historic building currently occupied by the McKenzie Day Care Center. The Day Care Center will be relocated to a building in the upper compound.

### FOREST-WIDE (cont.)

#### Land Feature Name Change

UPDATE: Work continues on the Forest to change the names of three features named "Squaw." After several months of consultation with local Tribes, meetings, and field trips, proposed names were submitted to our Regional Office for approval and presentation to the Oregon Board of Geographic Names. The Board will review the proposal and, upon approval, forward it to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names for final approval of the changes and implementation. At this point, the Forest is proceeding with removal of the offensive names from district maps (when they are reproduced) and road signs. We expect the process to be fully completed and implemented sometime in 2002.

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

#### Historic Structures Preservation and Rehabilitation

In accordance with National Historic Preservation legislation, efforts continue this summer at several historic structures on the Forest. On the McKenzie Ranger District at Fish Lake Remount Depot, the Dispatcher's Cabin (built in 1921) was the focus of considerable structural and functional work to stabilize and enhance the cabin for eventual use through the Recreation Rental Program. A volunteer group from the Northeast, affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, lent their skills to our own highly skilled district staff, making possible the long overdue, critical repairs which may extend the use life of the building another 50-100 years.

Meanwhile, further up the highway at the historic Santiam Ski Lodge (1938), District staff and YCC workers rallied to accomplish site clean up, remove non-historic make-shift additions, and seal and protect rock work and window openings. The current objective is to prepare the structure for preservation in a state of mothballing until a future use is established. Similar efforts are underway at Whitebranch Lodge (1934), where Special Use permittees are cooperating with the Forest Service in executing some critical deferred maintenance, pri-

marily re-roofing and improved drainage around the building.

To the north on the Detroit Ranger District, structural rehabilitation work continues at the 1934 Gold Butte Lookout in partnership with the Sand Mountain Lookout Society. Once part of an extensive ground based "fixed-point" fire detection system consisting of over 100 such lookouts built between 1905 and 1988, Gold Butte is now one of only five remaining historic lookouts on the Forest. Upon completion, the Forest hopes to include Gold Butte in the Recreation Rental program.

*Contact: Catherine Lindberg, Supervisor's Office.*

#### Oregon Archaeology Celebration

This State-organized, month-long celebration is designed to highlight the fascinating and ancient history of the Oregon. Events are scheduled throughout the state between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, hosted by government, educational and private institutions. Interpretive exhibits will be on display at various offices on the Willamette National Forest. Heritage hikes and evening talks about early settlement in the forest will be offered. Additionally, the Forest will host a reunion of local members of the Civilian Conservation Corps at the newly remodeled McKenzie Ranger Station—the site of the former Camp Belknap. For a schedule or more information about any of these events, contact the district archaeologist at one of the local offices, or Catherine Lindberg at the Supervisor's Office.

### FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

#### Vandalism on Federal Lands

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

### **FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS** (cont.)

#### **Release of Names**

The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how FOIA permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

#### **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*

#### **Elk Camp Shelter Rehabilitation, August 10-12, 2001**

Located along the Alpine trail in the western Cascades Mountains and set in an old-growth grove of Douglas-fir, the Elk Camp Shelter is an Adirondack-style trail shelter. Constructed in 1930 by Forest Service personnel, the shelter was built for administrative support on what was then the Cascade National Forest. Volunteers will help replace cedar roof shakes and the pole framework to gain an understanding of how early trail shelters were constructed. The project also involves making replacement shakes for the shelter walls by hand using traditional tools (froe and ax). Opportunities for swimming, fishing, hiking, and mountain biking are within minutes of the project location.

If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Carol Winkler, Middle Fork District, 541-782-5218.

# Current Projects

## SOPA Quarters

**Fall Quarter:** October 1 to December 31

**Winter Quarter:** January 1 to March 31

**Spring Quarter:** April 1 to June 30

**Summer Quarter:** July 1 to September 30

## Timing of Decisions

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

## BLUE RIVER

### ROAD USE

#### Hardy Access and Travel Management

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

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing  
Decision: Summer 2002  
Implementation: Fall 2003  
Contact: Rick Ley*

#### 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: Fall 2001  
Implementation: 2002  
Contact: Rick Ley*

#### ERFO Road Repairs

**Blue River RD**, District-wide.

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

*Status: Scoping and Analysis  
Decision: Summer 2001  
Implementation: Fall 2001  
Contact: Rick Ley, Kenny Gabriel, or Lowell Nelson*

## Current Projects

### ROAD USE (cont.)

#### North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

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

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

*Status: Analysis Ongoing*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Rick Ley*

### 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. Thinning will enhance the growth potential of hardwoods and conifers, and accelerate the development of multi-layered stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Tim Kee*

#### Precommercial Thin 2001

**Blue River RD**, District-wide.

Precommercially thin (PCT) approximately 1,100 acres by selectively cutting excess trees leaving a variety of healthy hardwood and conifer species. PCT will enhance the growth potential of hardwoods and conifers and accelerate the development of multilayered stands with large trees and diverse plant communities.

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*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 of managed stands.

*Status: Analysis Ongoing*

*Decision: August 2001*

*Implementation: October 2001*

*Contact: Tim Kee*



### TIMBER SALES

#### Minor Thin

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

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Teiva White*

#### Hardy Timber Sale

**Blue River RD**, T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The Hardy Timber Sale Project is located within the Hardy subdrainage. Approximately 750 acres will be reviewed for potential thinning and final harvest within this subdrainage. Road construction may be needed to access these proposed harvest areas. An Access and Travel Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Teiva White*

## Current Projects

### TIMBER SALES (cont.)

#### Wolfmann Projects

**Blue River RD**, Blue River Watershed, AMA. The “Bear Thin” and “Mann Regen” timber sales have been analyzed and documented in a draft Environmental Impact Statement called “Wolfmann Projects.” Timber harvest includes approximately 583 acres of commercial thinning and approximately 199 acres of regeneration harvest. The proposed harvest follows the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. There is also a proposal for prescribed fire on approximately 180 acres.

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

*Decision: September 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Teiva White*

Sec 35). Analysis is being done concurrently with the access and Travel Management Blue—River project.

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: Winter 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

#### Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

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

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Winter 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

### 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. Alternate access is available for management of the area and the deteriorating bridge will create a public safety hazard over time. The project proposes to remove the deteriorating bridge, decommission the 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 upstream passage of rainbow and cutthroat trout. This project proposes to change the stream crossings in order to provide passage. The three streams are Ore Creek (T15S, R4E, Sec 25), Mann Creek (T15S, R5E, Sec 36), and an un-named tributary of Blue River near Mann Creek (T14S, R5E,

### 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. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

*Status: Analysis Ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

#### Cavity Creation 2001

**Blue River RD**, T15S,R6ES6.

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

*Status: Analysis Ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz*

## Current Projects

### WILDLIFE (cont.)

#### Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2002-2003

**Blue River RD**, T18S, R4E S.3-6, 9-11, 15, 22- 23, 26; T17S, R6E S.1-12, 13-17, 20-29; T16S, R6E S.27-35; T16S, R5E S.25, 26, 35, 36; and T16S, R4E S.17, 20-21.

This project proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on approximately 1,200 acres of 15- to 25-year-old stands in the Hagan, Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late-Successional Reserves. The purpose of the project is to accelerate the development of future late-successional habitat conditions.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

## DETROIT

### RECREATION

#### Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Management Plan

**Detroit RD**, T8S,R4E,S.25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; T9S,R5E,S.1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15; T8S, R5E, S.27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

The 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, as management direction for the Congressionally designated Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area. This plan would amend the 1990 Willamette National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The plan defines the Desired Condition that is sought within all or portions of the SRA, and identifies applicable Standards to achieve these management goals.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Stephanie Phillips*

#### Upper Arm Recreation Site Restoration and Enhancement

**Detroit RD**, T9S, R5E, S.36.

Existing facilities at Upper Arm Recreation Site along Breitenbush arm of Detroit Lake, are insufficient to accommodate current use levels, resulting in continuing resource damage, health and safety issues, social conflicts between the day users and campers, and high administrative costs. A need exists to improve existing resource conditions at the site and develop a day use area to fill part of the unmet need for adequate day use facilities around Detroit Lake. This project proposes the following actions: replace the existing native surface road and parking area with a paved access road and parking area for 45 vehicles; replace the steep user trails with an interior trail system between the parking area and the lake edge; close and rehabilitate the 5 campsites and replace them with 30 picnic sites; replace the substandard single vault toilet with two double vault toilets; construct a fishing platform, swimming beach, boat-in temporary moorage dock, information kiosk, picnic shelter, and potable water system; and rehabilitate the site by stabilizing the shoreline with riprap and retaining walls and replanting the area with native vegetation.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Dani Rosetti*

#### Crag-South Breitenbush Connector Trail

**Detroit RD**, T9S,R7E,S.36.

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

## Current Projects

### RECREATION (cont.)

#### Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

**Detroit RD**, T10S,R7E,S.8.

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

#### Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

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

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

#### Blowout Suspension Bridge Repairs

**Detroit RD**, T10S, R5E, S.27.

Emergency repairs were made to the Blowout Suspension Bridge on the Blowout Arm Trail #3426 during the summer of 2000. Many items of deferred maintenance remain to be completed in order to preserve the bridge for continued use by the public. This proposed project will fully inspect the bridge and post it for maximum loading, replace

and/or protectively coat many of the smaller structural components of the bridge, remove and dispose of loose lead-based paint from the towers in a manner that complies with all federal and state laws governing such cleanup, repaint the towers with lead-free paint, and construct small retaining walls at the bridge approaches to keep soil away from the steel towers and wooden decking of the bridge.

*Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Rod Stewart*

#### Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY2001

**Detroit RD**, Various Locations within Whitewater and Breitenbush Watersheds.

Approximately 12 miles of dead end roads that have low to no use are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated for the purpose of watershed restoration.

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2001*

*Contact: Dave Klug*

## SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

#### Sugar Pine

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

The purpose of this project is to improve the survival and regeneration of selected sugar pine and restore the natural fire return interval. The sugar pine trees are currently threatened by heavy fuel loading and bark beetle attack caused by competition for moisture and nutrients from adjacent trees. This project would remove identified trees using a combination of commercial shelterwood and thinning treatments, primarily removing smaller trees and understory. Following tree removal, fuel treatments, including underburning, will be used to restore the treatment area to a more historical condition characterized by a short fire return interval. Approximately 250 acres would be treated in which about 160 sugar pine trees have been identified for

## Current Projects

### SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

protection. This project is located in East Hum-bug and Fox Creek drainages.

*Status: Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### TIMBER SALES

#### Shore Nuf Timber Sale

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

The purpose of Shore Nuf timber sale include: Reducing stocking levels to lessen competition, improve growth and health of the residual stand, accelerating attainment of late-successional conditions and enhanced habitat diversity in riparian reserves, thinning small diameter suppressed trees to minimize fuel buildup, enhancing scenic quality along travel corridors and reducing visual effects of past regeneration harvest on private and public lands. Actions proposed within the project include: Thinning second growth stands while maintaining 50 to 70 per cent canopy closure, thinning selected portions of riparian reserves, treating pockets of *Phellinus weirii* and other root rots, creating screened views of Detroit Reservoir along travel corridors by the use of variable density thinning, constructing approximately 1.8 miles of temporary roads, reconstructing approximately 5.7 miles of existing roads, the construction, reconstruction or modification of landings for various harvest systems, treating created slash and reforesting root rot pockets with non-susceptible species. An EIS will be prepared for this project. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2000.

*Status: Release of DEIS and 45 day comment period scheduled for August 2001.*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Winter 2002*

*Contact: Jim Romero or Rod 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 (LWM) along approximately 3 miles of French Creek. LWM will improve the quality of aquatic habitat for resident trout and potential anadromous fish. Logs would be skidded and trucked from the reservoir to drop points along French Creek Road 2223. A walking backhoe would move and place them instream. Proposal would stockpile logs in 2001, and place logs in streams in 2002.

*Status: Initial Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes*

#### Opal Creek Wilderness Road Decommissioning

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

The purpose of this project is to close or remove 8 miles of existing road in the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness in order to protect wilderness values and comply with the Wilderness Act. Roads that are being considered include: Roads 2207-130, 157, 159, 160, 165, 167, 169, Road 2209-301, and several non-system access roads.

*Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2001*

*Contact: Dani Rosetti*



## Current Projects

### WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

#### East Hum Unit #5 Slide & Stream Restoration

**Detroit RD, T9S,R6E,S.2.**

The purpose of this project is to stabilize slide activities within the East Hum Timber Sale Unit #5, (harvested in 1995). Stabilization projects include installing drainage structures, adding large woody material, and terracing of slopes and stream banks. Straw mulch and erosion-mix seed will be applied and a diversity of tree species will be planted to all bare soil areas in the unit and on the stream banks of the perennial stream inside the unit.

*Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Dave Klug*

## MCKENZIE

### AIR QUALITY

#### Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

**McKenzie RD, T14S,R6E,S.36.**

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Dave Kretzing*

### BOTANY

#### Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

**McKenzie RD, T15S,R7E,S.10.**

This 60-acre project would remove mostly under-story and mid story trees that have encroached upon and altered the high, dry meadow environment of Bunchgrass Meadow.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Spring 2001*

*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.**

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

*Status: Waiting for project design from Lane County*

*Decision: Winter 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Al Brown*

## Current Projects

### RECREATION

#### Fish Lake Planning Project

**McKenzie RD**, T13S,R6E,S.29,30,31,32.  
Environmental analysis began this spring to evaluate alternatives for a development plan for the enhancement and management of the Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposed developments may include a scenic byway interpretive wayside, and enhancement, relocation and/or rehabilitation of existing developed campground, dispersed camping area, and McKenzie River National Recreation Trail Trailhead. A Special Interest Area Implementation Guide, as required in the 1990 Land and Resource Management Plan, will also be completed for the Fish Lake Special Interest Area as part of this planning effort.

*Status: Analysis in process*  
*Decision: Summer 2001*  
*Implementation: 2002*  
*Contact: Stacey Smith*

### SPECIAL USES

#### Replacement of Buried Electric Cable

**McKenzie RD**, T16S,R6E,S.13,14,23,24.  
Proposal to replace existing buried electric cable along a portion of State Highway 242.

*Status: Scoping*  
*Decision: Summer 2001*  
*Implementation: Summer 2001*  
*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

#### 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.

*Status: Scoping*  
*Decision: Summer 2001*  
*Implementation: Fall 2001*  
*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

### Special Use Permits

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

*Status: Analysis ongoing*  
*Decision: As needed, when requests are made*  
*Implementation: FY 2001*  
*Contact: Kathy Keable*

### TIMBER SALES

#### Spot Salvage

**McKenzie RD**, Various locations.  
This project would salvage primarily standing dead trees adjacent to State and Federal highways and primary district roads. This District-wide project is estimated to produce 200 mbf of timber.

*Status: Documentation*  
*Decision: September 2001*  
*Implementation: Fall 2001*  
*Contact: Rita Mustatia*

#### TwoBee Landscape Management Project

**McKenzie RD**, AMA T13S,R6&7E; T14S,R6&7E; T15S,R6&7E.  
Proposed actions for this landscape management project include timber harvest of approximately 1,000 acres with commercial thinning, selective partial harvest and regeneration harvest; road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements; and introduction of fire for habitat improvement and natural fuels reduction. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on June 29, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in Fall 2001.

*Status: Scoping*  
*Decision: January 2002*  
*Implementation: FY 2002*  
*Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen*

### MIDDLE FORK

#### OUTFITTER GUIDE

##### Katherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions

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

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

*Status: Ongoing*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### 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. Both segments will promote safety by minimizing OHV/passenger vehicle interaction, as well as enhancing the off-road riding experience.

One section is approximately 1.1 miles long and will eliminate a route that currently crosses and re-crosses a secondary gravel road two times within .35 mile. About .35 mile of abandoned trail will be obliterated and revegetated. The second section is approximately 1.25 miles long and will provide an alternative to routing users onto a shared-use road. The majority of the new construction will be on existing skidroads.

*Status: Scoping is complete*

*Decision: August 2001*

*Implementation: September 2001*

*Contact: Wendy Zustiak*

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

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

This project proposes an expansion of the existing snow-play site by approximately two acres, along with the creation of a two-acre water storage pond for existing snow making-operations and installation of a gondola to transport site users from the parking lot on the south side of 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. Ski runs associated with the new lifts may remove significant amounts of trees from up to 100 acres of land. All actions are within the current Ski Area Boundary. Removed trees not needed for National Forest improvements would be sold.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2002*

*Implementation: Summer/Fall 2002*

*Contact: Jim Williams*

##### Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

##### Middle Fork RD

In 1998, the district began a user-group consensus process to develop strategies around seven longstanding resource issues connected with recreation use at Waldo Lake. The seven issues include Charlton Tie Road development, lakeside site impacts, recreation emphasis/setting for the lake surface, boat motor use, outfitter/guide permit levels, non-native fish populations, and snowmobile access off roadways. In 1999, a set of recommendations was presented to the forest by the user group subcommittee of the Willamette PAC. Five of the seven issue recommendations received consensus support of subcommittee members present at the time they were crafted. The other two issue recommendations received majority support. In 2000, the district carried these recommendations through the general public planning process. Public meet-

## Current Projects

### RECREATION (cont.)

ings were held in Eugene and Oakridge that summer to kick-off public scoping and introduce preliminary alternatives.

To review the EA and other information on this project, go to the forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/Willamette). To have your name placed on the project mailing list, please contact the Middle Fork Ranger District.

*Status: EA released for Comments*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*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: Documentation*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Jim Williams*

#### Trail Reconstruction - South Willamette/Lawler Trail

**Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.19,29,30.**  
Reconstruction of South Willamette/Lawler Trail.

*Status: EA in 30 day review*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Sue Baker*

#### Trail Reconstruction Cloverpatch-Tire Mountain Tie

**Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.15,22.**  
Reconstruction of trail connecting Cloverpatch and Tire Mountain Trails.

*Status: Documentation in progress*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Sue Baker*

#### Waldo Road Sno-Park

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

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

*Status: Analysis in progress*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*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: Documentation*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Sue Baker*



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## Current Projects

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### ROAD USE

#### Qarry Expansion

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

The proposal is to expand an existing rock pit along road 1912678. The immediate objective is to remove an overburden that is not suitable for crushed rock production, and use as fill material in the repair of two nearby road failure areas. This expanded quarry will be needed in the future for road surface rock production. The project would require removal of about 1 1/2 acres of trees. The trees would be decked on the site for future sale or use in restoration projects.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Impementation: 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. The bottom of the existing culvert has rusted out causing the fill to wash out under the culvert. Replacing the culvert with an arch will provide fish passage and protection from 100-year flood events.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*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: Beginning scoping*

*Decision: October 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Keith Wheeler*

#### Puma Fire Project

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

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Access and Travel Management Plan (ATM) Middle Fork District

##### Middle Fork RD

The Middle Fork Access and Travel Management Plan is being developed by subwatershed (nine subwatersheds on the Middle Fork District). The Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM analysis was completed in the Spring of 1999. The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Currently, the District is working on the Middle Fork ATM Analysis. The analysis order and dates for the other subwatersheds have not yet been established. Documentation of all analyses may be in the form of a management plan or a NEPA document.

##### Middle Fork ATM:

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Winter 2002*

*Contact: Terri Jones, D'Lynn Williams*

## Current Projects

### ROAD USE (cont.)

#### Road Use

##### 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: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Upon signing of Decision*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Road Use Permit

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

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

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

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

*Status: Documentation Complete*

*Decision: August 2001*

*Implementation: August 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

#### Stand Density Management

##### Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Stand density management of young stands (age range 10 to 20 years) is proposed at various locations throughout the District. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment may occur in Late-Successional Reserves or riparian reserves when density management benefits their objectives. Proposed treatment acreage will range between 1,000 to 2,500 acres. Acres actually treated within a given year will depend upon available funding.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis*

#### Pruning

##### Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones*



## Current Projects

### SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

#### Fertilization

**Middle Fork RD**, District-wide.

Fertilization of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 2,612 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones*

#### 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. These houses are from 60 to 70 years old and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to find another party to maintain, manage, and use these buildings at their present sites, consistent with their historic value. They are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the western end of the City of Westfir.

*Status: Alternative development*

*Decision: September 2001*

*Implementation: January 2002*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

### SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

#### Bough Sales

**Middle Fork RD**, District-wide.

Harvest boughs from approximately 308 acres of 10- to 30-year-old stands. Boughs would be removed from outer half of branch on the lower half of the tree.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Dennis Beckner*

#### 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*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### TIMBER SALES

#### Lookout Timber Sale

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

Removal and sale of approximately 5.5 acres of trees on the south and east sides of Warner Lookout. The purpose of this project is to improve visibility for fire detection; the trees have grown to the point where they obstruct the view. They also pose a fire hazard since there is a continuous fuel bed from the bottom of the slope to the lookout.

*Status: Field surveys and scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Implementation: Early summer 2002*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

### 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: Winter 2001*

*Implementation: January 1, 2002*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

## Current Projects

### TIMBER SALES (cont.)

#### Aufda Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.**

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

*Status: Field Survey and Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Buzzard Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.**

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

*Status: Alternative Development and Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2002*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Chalk Creek Timber Sale Project

**Middle Fork RD, T19&20S,R3E.**

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

*Status: Alternative Development*

*Decision: Summer 2003*

*Implementation: June 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Jump Up Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E.**

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

*Status: Alternative development & analysis*

*Decision: October 2002*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Giggle Timber Sale

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

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

*Status: Alternative development*

*Decision: June 2002*

*Implementation: September 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Julep Timber Sale

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

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

*Status: Alternative development*

*Decision: Fall 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

## Current Projects

### TIMBER SALES (cont.)

#### Ursus Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD**, T24S,R4E,S.3,6,7,10,14,17,21,23. Regeneration harvest of approximately 140 acres yielding an estimated 5 MMBF of timber. Unit design may result in created openings exceeding the Regional Guide size limitation. Size limitations may be exceeded in cases where other resource objectives are being met, such as minimizing fragmentation of remaining old growth blocks. No new road construction is anticipated.

*Status: Analysis in progress*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Brush Creek Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD**, T19S,R2E,S.7-9&16-20. Regeneration harvest of about 100 acres of timber and commercial thinning of approximately 75 acres of managed plantations. Associated activities include road construction, road maintenance and about 4.0 miles of road closures.

*Status: Decision pending*

*Decision: Spring 2002*

*Implementation: Winter 2002*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Windy Cabin Timber Sale

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

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

*Status: Analysis and Documentation*

*Decision: Fall 2002*

*Implementation: Spring 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Bear Tire Salvage

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

Salvage of windfallen trees along the 5826 road system.

*Status: Comment period completed.*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*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.

The proposal includes regeneration harvest retaining variable levels of tree retention. Retention levels range from 20%-50% in regeneration units. Thinning of mature stands in combination with regeneration harvest will yield 6 to 8 MMBF of timber. In one alternative, restoration opportunities combined with stand conditions guide selection of harvest and management areas. Examples of restoration opportunities that can be funded via the timber sale include riparian large wood placement, fisheries enhancement, recreation trail repair, hardening of dispersed recreation sites, road closure, road reconstruction, culvert replacement, hydrologic decommissioning of roads, browse cut-back, pre-commercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Spring 2002*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### 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: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: John Poet*

## Current Projects

### TIMBER SALES (cont.)

#### Hi-Brock Salvage (Combined from Brock and Hiyu Salvage projects.)

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

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: John Poet*

#### Winberry Mountain Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E.

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

*Status: Field Surveys*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Cardiac Salvage

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

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

*Status: Field Surveys*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 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.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: John Poet*

### WATERSHED & FISHERIES

#### Chuckle Springs Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

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

Project proposes to improve Bull Trout spawning habitat by re-introducing fine gravel in one large pool in Chuckle Springs. Project will be implemented prior to the return of the adult Bull Trout to spawn. Gravel will be placed in pool by hand. Project is a partnership involving Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service, and individual volunteers.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*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.

Project is located in two drainages: Coffeepot and Dry Creeks (tributaries of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River). The proposed project in Coffeepot Creek consists of instream structure placement via helicopter. The estimated length of channel is 0.4 of a mile. The proposed project in the Dry Creek Watershed involves road decommissioning. Forest Service Spur Road #166 is the sole candidate for this endeavor. The length of this spur is 0.7 of a mile.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*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*

## Current Projects

### **WATERSHED & FISHERIES** (cont.)

#### **Rug Rat Aquatic Restoration Project**

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

Enhance a 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.

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

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Doug Larson*

### **WILDLIFE**

#### **Buckhead Noxious Weed Treatment**

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

A proposal for a Title III grant-funded project has been submitted to manually pull noxious weeds at the Buckhead Wildlife Refuge located off FS Road 5821. This project would also include roadside brushing, litter patrol and planting native species to prohibit the spread of noxious weeds. This project is totally dependant on grant funding; project selection is scheduled for September 2001.

*Status: Funding requested*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams*

#### **Wildlife Viewing Platform**

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

A wildlife viewing platform would be built between Sand Prairie Campground and the Hills Creek Reservoir. This project is being coordinated by an Eagle Scout candidate using grant funding.

*Status: Analysis*

*Decision: September 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: D'Lynn Williams*

## Current Projects

### WILDLIFE (cont.)

#### Flat Creek Administrative Site Cleanup

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

A proposal for Title III grant-funded project has been submitted to remove noxious weeds from the Flat Creek administrative site, including the fitness trail and the adjacent portion of Salmon Creek. Species to be removed include but are not limited to: scotchbroom, evergreen and Himalayan blackberries, English ivy, and butterfly bush. The project may also include removing non-native species from the Olsen homestead (west of Flat Creek approximately 0.25 mile). The project may include planting native species to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, and litter patrol. This project is totally grant-funded; project selection for this funding is scheduled prior to September 2001.

*Status: Funding requested*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams*

#### Kitson Bat Habitat-Management & Monitoring

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

This is a Title II project proposal to restore native riparian habitat condition & remove structural debris at a site confirmed to receive significant seasonal use by a variety of bat species. In addition, monitoring would lead to a better understanding of year-round habitat use by local bat populations. The Kitson property was donated to the Oregon Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America; its 160 acres are surrounded by National Forest land. Steel grating will also be installed on openings in a bunker-like structure, which is all that remains of an old bathhouse. Interpretative signing may also be included with this project. This project is totally grant-funded; project selection for this funding is scheduled prior to September, 2001.

*Status: Funding requested*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: D'Lynn Williams*

#### Sourgrass Meadow Enhancement Project

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

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Kirk Lunstrum*

## SWEET HOME

### FACILITIES

#### Cascadia Work Center

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

Due to limited maintenance funding, we propose to consider options for managing the Cascadia Work Center. Options may include selling all or part of the property, selling the buildings and leasing the land, or making property available through a special use permit.

*Status: Beginning Scoping*

*Decision: FY2002*

*Implementation: FY2002*

*Contact: Daren Utley*

### MINERALS

#### Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

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

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Rob Ginn*

## Current Projects

### 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. Work would be accomplished by ODOT and would include an easement from the Forest Service to ODOT. The objective of the project is to improve fish habitat.

*Status: Beginning scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2002*

*Implementation: Summer 2002*

*Contact: Daren Utley*

#### West Boundary Rock Source Expansion

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

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2002*

*Contact: Doug Shank*

### SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

#### Precommercial Thinning and Conifer Release

**Sweet Home RD**, T13S,R3E, S.22, 23 and 24; T13S, R4E,S.11 and 13; T14S, R6E,S. 14 and 23; T15S, R4E,S. 7, 17, 18, 21, 28 and 30.

Propose to precommercially thin 1,180 acres of which 88 acres is conifer release. There is 319 acres in the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area, 106 Late Successional Reserve and 755 acres of Matrix land. The proposed acres are located east of Sweet Home Oregon and located within the

Calapooia, South Santiam, Quartzville, Middle Santiam and Upper McKenzie watersheds of the Willamette River Basin.

*Status: Scoping completed*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001.*

*Contact: Pete Jorgenson*

#### Conifer Pruning

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

Propose to prune 57 acres in the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area and 207 acres in Matrix allocation for a total of 264 acres. Seventy Douglas-fir saplings per acre will be pruned.

*Status: Scoping completed*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Summer/Fall 2001.*

*Contact: Pete Jorgenson*

#### Aerial Fertilization

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

Propose to aerial fertilization with standard urea prill 899 acres. In the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area there will be 433 acres treated and 466 acres in Matrix allocation.

*Status: Scoping completed*

*Decision: Summer 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.

*Status: Scoping completed*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2001/2002.*

*Contact: Rob Ginn*

## Current Projects

### SPECIAL USES

#### Sweet Home RD, District-wide

Permitting special uses as requested throughout the season.

*Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input*

*Decision: As needed when requests are made*

*Implementation: 2001*

*Contact: Lupe Wilson*

#### Sheep Soda Thin

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

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

*Status: EA on hold for field surveys*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Doug Shank and Donna Short*

### TIMBER SALES

#### Parks Timber Sale

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

Overstory removals of existing shelterwood and, prelogged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 4 to 7 MMBF.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2002*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

#### South Pyramid Timber Sale

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

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

*Status: Writing Draft EIS*

*Decision: FY 2002*

*Implementation: FY 2002*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

### WILDLIFE

#### Wetland Restoration

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

This project proposes to restore the character of two wetlands within the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area providing habitat for amphibians and waterfowl. Project consists of using natural materials to improve water levels.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*

#### 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.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*



# Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

## FOREST-WIDE

### SPECIAL USES

#### Oregon Bicycle Ride

##### Clackamas River RD, Mt. Hood NF, Detroit and Sweet Home RDs, Willamette NF.

Applicant requested a permit for a bicycle ride for an estimated 180-300 participants on August 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The ride is seven days long, and on Day Five would enter National Forest on the Mt. Hood at Estacada, proceed down Road 46 to Detroit to camp off National Forest lands. On Day Six they would proceed East on Highway 22 to Forest Road #11, and on to Sweet Home to camp off National Forest lands.

*Decision: July 2001*

*Implementation: July-August 2001*

*Contact: Shari Monson, Supervisor's Office*

## BLUE RIVER

#### Pruning 2001

##### Blue River RD, District-wide.

Conifer tree pruning would occur on approximately 200 acres of young conifer stands. Riparian Reserves will not be pruned. The pruning operation would involve pruning conifer branches from 70 to 110 trees per acre to heights of 17.5 feet and 26.0 feet. Selectively prune crop trees to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine by removing the lower branches sooner than they would naturally fall off, and produce higher quality lumber allowing clear wood to form sooner. Pruning also increases fire resistance by removing "fuel ladders." Light beneath the tree canopy that enhances grass and forage production for wildlife habitat will be increased through the pruning process.

*Decision: July 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Tim Kee*

### SPECIAL USES

#### Destination Wilderness/Adventure River Center

##### Blue River RD, T18S,R4E, S.23.

Applicant requests an outfitter-guide permit to provide guided rock climbing at Flagstone Climbing Area, an established non-wilderness rock climbing area.

*Decision: Permit granted June 2001*

*Implementation: July 2001*

*Contact: Gene Flint*

### WILDLIFE

#### Browse Cutback 2001

##### Blue River RD, District-wide.

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

*Decision: June 23, 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

#### Wildlife Tree Release in Riparian Reserves 2001

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

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

*Decision: June 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

## Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

### Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2001

**Blue River RD, T18S,R4E**  
S.10,15,14,22,23;T17S,R6E S16&21.

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

*Decision: June 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

### Elk Thin Project

**Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S.25-26; T18S,R51 / 2E,S28-33.**

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

*Status: Project Dropped*

*Contact: Ruby Seitz*

## DETROIT

### FACILITIES

#### Detroit RD Office Replacement

**Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.3.**

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

*Decision: July 23, 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Stephanie Phillips*

### ROADS

#### ERFO Site Repair

**Detroit RD**, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

Repair roads damaged by flooding. Work may include replacing damaged culverts, replacing lost road fill, realigning roads, resurfacing roads with aggregate or asphalt, and possibly constructing retaining walls. Sites will be repaired by force account crew or by contracting.

*Decision: June 27, 2001*

*Implementation: Spring 2002*

*Contact: Karen Ladd*

# Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

## SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

### Precommercial Thinning and Tree Pruning

**Detroit RD**, District-wide.

This project would establish a prescribed tree density of approximately 300 trees per acre by removing excess trees up to 5 inches in diameter. The biggest and best trees of all species will be retained. Areas treated for precommercial thinning will also include bole pruning of all western white pine trees. The purpose of the project is to promote vigorous tree growth and maintain forest health. Treatment is planned on approximately 2,500 acres.

*Decision: July 12, 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach*

### Tree Pruning

**Detroit RD**, District-wide.

This project would prune about 100 trees per acre to a height of 9 to 18 feet, depending on stand height, on approximately 500 acres. Priority will be given to pruning Douglas-fir and all western white pine. Purpose of the project is to improve timber quality and promote forest health.

*Decision: July 12, 2001*

*Implementation: Spring 2001*

*Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach*

### Aerial Fertilization

**Detroit RD**, primarily within the North Santiam drainage.

The proposal is for the aerial application of urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) on approximately 1,800 acres of managed stands from 3 to 70 years of age for the purpose of timber stand improvement.

*Decision: July 12, 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Mark Stewart or Dave Leach*

## SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

### Special Forest Product Sales FY 2001

**Detroit RD**, areas are scattered throughout Detroit RD.

The purpose of these projects is to make special forest products available to the public and promote improved forest health and timber quality. The proposal includes the harvest of boughs and Christmas trees from 1,000 acres of 10-40 year old managed stands. Other products growing on the site are species of plants and trees that will resprout after harvest including bear grass, salal, sword fern, manzanita, scotch broom, huckleberry, madrone, chinquapin, willow, alder, maple, rhododendron, ceanothus, and vine maple. Harvest would be by hand methods with materials hand carried to existing roads.

*Decision: July 12, 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach*



## WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

### Devils Creek Fish Habitat Structure Maintenance

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

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

*Status: Project implemented under previous decision.*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: David Klug*

# Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

## MIDDLE FORK

### OUTFITTER GUIDE

#### McGillicuddy's Outpost

##### Middle Fork RD

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

*Decision: July 2001*

*Implementation: July 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Oregon Adventures

##### Middle Fork and McKenzie RDs

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

*Decision: July 5, 2001*

*Implementation: July 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Family Outback Fly Fishing School

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E,S.29&30;T20S,R5E, S.17.

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

*Status: Cancelled by outfitter*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### ROAD USE

#### Flood Related Wildlife Habitat Improvement Road Repair

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Repair of roads damaged from past flood events. Currently these roads are the source of sediment into Class II fish bearing streams and Class III permanently flowing streams. These repairs will elimi-

nate sources of sediment, improve fish passage, re-establish stream channels, and open previously closed roads for public access.

*Decision: June 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Mike Williams*

### SILVICULTURE

#### Cone Survey and Collection

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

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

*Status: Cancelled due to minimal cone crop*

*Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis*

### SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

#### Beargrass Harvest

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

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

*Status: Dropped due to lack of appropriate sites*

*Contact: Dennis Beckner*

### SPECIAL USES

#### Silviculture

Middle Fork RD

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

*Status: Project deferred*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

## Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

### SPECIAL USES (cont.)

#### Fort Umpqua Muzzle Loaders

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R3E,S.3.

Frog Hollar Primitive Rendezvous requesting a Special Use Permit for annual rendezvous event includes competitions, demonstrations, and contests.

*Decision: April 18, 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Emerald Empire Sports Car Club

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.32,34.

Car club is requesting annual Special Use Permit for sports car hill climb on Forest Service road 2102.

*Decision: June 25, 2001*

*Implementation: June 30, 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Oakridge Fat Tire Festival

Middle Fork RD

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

*Status: Cancelled by Outfitter.*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### Oregon Fur Takers Rendezvous

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E,S.6.

Request for an annual Special Use Permit for rendezvous activity utilizing Shadow Bay Reservation area and Beach Cove area in loop for canoe races.

*Decision: July 5, 2001*

*Implementation: August 10-12, 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### City of Westfir Water Tank and Distribution Lines

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E,S7.

Renewal of five year Special Use Permit for a new water tank and distribution lines for water system for city of Westfir.

*Decision: June 14, 2001*

*Implementation: June 24, 2001*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Finnwin Project

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.32,33.

Enhance a one mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

*Decision: July 2001*

*Implementation: August 2001*

*Contact: Ron Mecklenburg*

## SWEET HOME

### BOTANY

#### Camas Prairie Restoration Project

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R3E, S.34.

The purpose of this project is to restore a degraded wetland prairie through weed control, prescribed burning and other activities to facilitate the growth of camas (*Camassia quamash*). The current project area is proposed for expansion to allow for safer and more efficient prescribed burning. Flammable non-native blackberries that surround the prairie will be removed as will dead limbs from adjacent trees and selected shrubs. This activity will help reduce the fire risk in the surrounding forest. A gate will be installed to limit access to 200 feet of road leading into the prairie.

*Decision: May 24, 2001*

*Implementation: FY 2001-2005*

*Contact: Alice Smith*

## Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

### RECREATION

#### House Rock Falls Loop Trail

Sweet Home RD, T13S, R5E, S.32.

Winter storms have dropped a number of large trees across this trail near the trail bridge across the South Santiam River. The felled trees landed on a trail segment that crosses a small class III stream, where a footbridge was scheduled for installation. Clearing the downed trees on this trail segment will create a visual mess along the trail and may affect the stream channel location. The district is looking at options for relocating the trail versus reconstructing the damaged trail segment. Aesthetics, trail maintenance, and stream channel functions are issues involved in this decision.

*Decision: June 8, 2001*

*Implementation: June 2001*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

### WILDLIFE

#### Lodgepole Flat Meadow Enhancement

Sweet Home RD, T13S, R7E, S.5.

Removal of encroaching conifers on approximately 20 acres of natural meadow. Project consists of hand and mechanical treatment of small diameter Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine.

*Decision: July 13, 2001*

*Implementation: Summer 2001*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*

### SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

#### Bough Sales

Sweet Home RD, Upper McKenzie, S. Santiam, Middle Santiam, and Quartzville Watersheds. Bough harvest units to occur on approximately 300 acres of 10- to 25-year-old conifer stands. Units are scattered throughout the district.

*Decision: July 13, 2001*

*Implementation: Fall 2001*

*Contact: Rob Ginn*



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