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**T**his “Winter 2004” 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.

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.

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.”

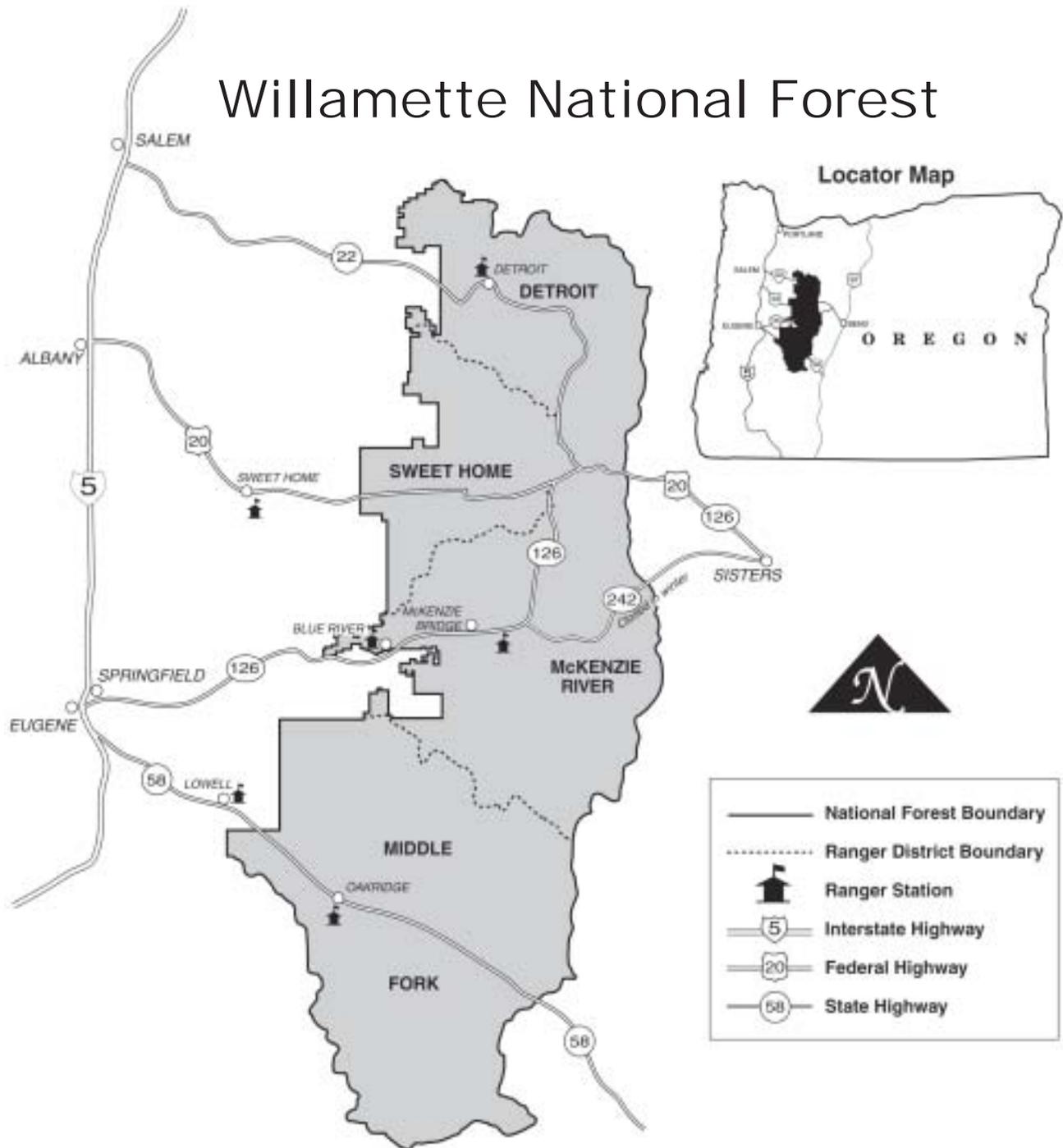
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On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dallas Emch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DALLAS EMCH  
Forest Supervisor

# Willamette National Forest



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**FROM THE DISTRICTS:**

**Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project Relicensing**

(Note: The initial description of this project can be found in the winter, spring, and fall issues of the Forest Focus for 2003. This and subsequent information on the project will be in the form of updates.)

On July 21, 2003 the Eugene Water & Electric Board filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application by November 30, 2006 for a new license to continue to operate the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project. EWEB's expectation is to have a new license from the FERC at the time the original license expires November 30, 2008.

On September 8, 2003 utility issued an Initial Consultation Package (ICP) containing information on the relicensing process, project facilities and operations, and the environment affected by the project. Resources considered

in the affected environment include hydrology, geology, water quality, fisheries, botany, wildlife, archaeology, recreation, aesthetics, and land use. The ICP also contained proposed studies relating to the project and affected environment. In October EWEB conducted a field trip and public meetings for agencies, Tribes and other interested persons explaining the relicensing process.

By December 8, 2003 EWEB received written comments on the ICP from State and Federal resources agencies, Indian Tribes, and the general public.

The Forest Service relicensing team is currently working with EWEB, their contractors, State and Federal resource agencies, and interested parties in developing study plans which will be used to answer questions about the project affected environment. Results of the studies will be used by EWEB in developing their application for the new license. Developing study plans is expected to continue until mid to late March 2004.

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Implementation of studies is expected to begin in late March. Studies will continue throughout the license application process.

EWEB is maintaining a public library pertaining to this project at their office in Eugene. The utility is also maintaining a website where information pertinent to the relicensing process available; that website is [www.eweb.org/energy/carmen-smith](http://www.eweb.org/energy/carmen-smith).

*Completion: Estimated to be December 2008.*  
*Contacts: Marty Douglass, EWEB, (541) 484-2411 and Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, (541) 822-3381*

### **Trail Bridge Dam Emergency Spillway Capacity Modification**

**McKenzie River RD.T15S,R6E,S.11&12.**  
The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) has completed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ordered modifications to Trail Bridge dam addressing the dam's emergency spillway capacity. Minor project clean-up activities will be completed this spring.

*Completed: December 2003*  
*Contact: Marty Douglass, EWEB, (541) 484-2411 or*  
*Phil Raab, McKenzie River Ranger District, (541) 822-3381*

### **“Over the Rivers – Through the Woods Scenic Byway”**



Designation for the “*Over the Rivers – Through the Woods Scenic Byway*” was recently approved by the state scenic byway rating committee. The approval came about three years after the Sweet Home Ranger District proposed the idea to the communities of

Brownsville, Sweet Home and people who live along the route. The district, with the help of the communities, developed the Corridor Management Plan and is working on an Interpretive Plan for the route. Community support for the project has been very strong.

This 63-mile route travels from 1-5 east along Highway 228 to Sweet Home and east along Highway 20 to the junction with Highway 126 where it connects with the McKenzie/Santiam Pass and West Cascades national scenic byways.

This route provides a means to recognize the unique features of the area, provides travelers with an east/west scenic route to already existing national scenic byways and will ultimately benefit the economies of the local communities.

At present, there are six state scenic byways, eight tour routes, five national scenic byways and three all-American roads in Oregon, the most in the nation.

*For further information contact:*  
*Joanne West, 541-367-9206 or*  
*Brian McGinley, 541-367-9234,*  
*Sweet Home Ranger District.*

**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: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Rita Mustatia or Ruby Seitz*

**FOREST-WIDE:**

**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.

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**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.

**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*

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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:*

Public Comment Period for the Draft SEIS closed: August 22, 2003

The Final SEIS is completed and the Record of Decision is targeted for the end of February 2004.

The Final SEIS is available on line at <http://www.or.blm.gov/nwfpnepa/>

#### **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).

#### *DATES:*

The draft EIS is expected to be filed with EPA and available for 60-day public review in the spring of 2004.

The Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2004.

*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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## ***Current Projects***

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### **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

This multi-year project will treat natural fuels on approximately 40 acres in the vicinity of the Breitenbush and Devil's Creek summer home tracts in years 2004 and 2005

*Status: On-Hold Pending Funding*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2005*

*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: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Abe Quihuis*

### **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: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

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### Recreation Shelters

#### **Detroit RD**

T10S, R5E, S14; T13S, R7E, Sec.10

Project will construct a picnic shelter at group-use site in Cove Creek Campground and a winter ski trail shelter at Maxwell Snopark.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Rodney Stewart*

### Southshore Boat Ramp Improvement

#### **Detroit RD**

T10S, R5E, Sec.15

Project will reconstruct primitive boat launch facility with a designed concrete ramp, boarding float and an expanded parking area which will accommodate vehicles with trailers.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Rodney Stewart*

### Vault Toilet Installations

#### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Project will replace existing substandard pit and vault toilets with modern designed buildings with sealed vaults and install new toilets at heavily used recreation sites currently lacking toilet facilities.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Rodney Stewart*

### Silviculture

#### **Aerial Fertilization 2004 & 2005**

##### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Aerial application of Urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on 1000-3000 acres of managed stands 3-70 years of age. This project includes 2 years of aerial fertilization activities.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

#### **Pre-Commercial Thinning & Tree Pruning 2004 & 2005**

##### **Detroit RD**

District Wide

Thinning project would cut trees 5" dbh and less to a stand density of approximately 300 trees per acre. Western white pine would be pruned to control blister rust disease. This project includes 2 years of thinning & pruning activities.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

#### **Special Forest Products 2004 & 2005**

##### **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. This project includes activities for a 2 year period.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

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## Current Projects

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### Timber Sales

#### Blowout Thin

##### Detroit RD

T10S,R5&6E; T11S,R4,5&6E

Proposal to commercially thin 800 acres in the Blowout Creek drainage in units previously identified as Pin, Nasty and Skyhawk timber sales in Blowout EA Decision, May 1995. A new EA and decision notice will be completed for this project.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Dave Leach/Jim romero*

#### Booth West Fire Salvage

##### Detroit RD

T12S,R7E,S.23

Proposal is to harvest approximately 200 acres of dead timber that burned outside of Mt. Jefferson Wilderness during the Booth West portion of the B&B Complex fire in 2003. The area will be regenerated after harvest.

*Status: Pre-Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Dave Leach/Jim Romero*

#### 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: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### 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: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### Roadway Thin Project

#### Detroit RD

District Wide

Proposal is to harvest and remove small diameter trees, (less than 16") along Forest System roads to improve visibility, reduce hazards and improve stand health.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Dave Leach*

### Wildlife

#### Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

##### Detroit RD

T9S, R6&7E; T11S, R7E; T12S, R7E

Project involves site preparation with a combination of removal of brush and noxious weed species, soil scarification and mulching followed by planting and seeding of high quality forage species.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Rick Breckel*

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## Current Projects

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### McKenzie River RD

#### Botany

##### Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

###### McKenzie River RD

T15S,R7E, S.10.

The District proposes to implement and research a variety of meadow restoration treatments including tree removal and/or fire .

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Jim Mayo or Sam Swetland*

#### Lands and Minerals

##### Blue River Ranger Station Compound Disposition

###### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R4E, Sections 21 and 29

The District proposes to dispose of part or all of the excess property at the Blue River Ranger station facility.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

#### Recreation

##### Cougar Crossing Toilet

###### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R7E, Section 21

Install a new toilet at Cougar Crossing Campground and remove an existing toilet building across Forest Road 19 from the campground.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Sandy Ratliff*

##### Mckenzie River Trail Bridge Replacement

###### McKenzie River RD

T13S, R7E, Section 32

Replace an existing 82 foot log stringer span at Milepost 25.9 where the trail crosses Fish Lake Creek with an 87 foot 2 span glue laminate trail bridge.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Steve Otoupalik*

##### Rebel Creek Trail Bridge Replacement

###### McKenzie River RD

T18S, R5E, Section 11

Replacement in kind of an existing 64 foot log stringer span across Rebel Creek.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Steve Otoupalik*

##### 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: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Stacey Smith*

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### Upper McKenzie River Boat Launch Projects

#### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

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

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

### Vault Toilet Installation - Big Lake Campground

#### McKenzie River RD

T14S, R.7 1/2E, S.10&11

Project will replace existing substandard vault toilet with modern designed building and new sealed vault toilet at the Big Lake Campground.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Penny Keen or Sandy Ratliff*

## Research

### Three Sisters Seismic Station

#### McKenzie River RD

T17S, R8E, Section 31

The District proposes to issue a use permit to the United States Geological Survey to install seismic and GPS equipment in the Three Sisters Wilderness to monitor ongoing geologic activity in the area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*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: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2007*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins or Al Brown*

## Silviculture

### 2004 Conifer Pruning

#### McKenzie River RD

McKenzie River Ranger District

The project proposes to selectively prune approximately 300 acres of young conifer stands, District wide. The project will increase wood quality, reduce the risk of disease, and increase fire resistance in these stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran*

### 2004 Fertilization

#### McKenzie River RD

McKenzie River Ranger District

The project proposes to aerially apply nitrogen at a rate of approximately 200 lbs/ac on approximately 750 acres that have been previously precommercial thinned or pruned.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Kevin Moran*

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### 2004 Pre-commercial Thinning

#### McKenzie River RD

McKenzie River Ranger District

The project proposes to pre-commercial thin approximately 1400 acres District wide.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran*

### Special Uses

#### Alpine Slide

#### McKenzie River RD

T 13 S, R 7-1/2 E, Section 26

Hoodoo Ski Area proposes to construct a summer use alpine slide within their permit area. The slide will be 3037 feet long, constructed at ground level, and will be accessed from an existing chair lift.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Stacey Smith*

#### Big Lake Youth Camp Master Plan

#### McKenzie River RD

T14S, R7E, Section 11

The District proposes to develop with the operator and approve a long term master plan for the Big Lake Youth Camp.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Sandy Ratliff*

#### entrance Sign Installation at Belknap Hot Springs

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R7E, Section 11

The District proposes to issue a special use permit authorizing the installation of an entrance sign for Belknap Hot Springs Resort on National Forest System land.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2003*

*Contact: Pat Hutchins*

#### 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: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Phil Raab*

#### Re-issuance of Special Use Permit to AT&T

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R3E, Section 35

The District proposes to re-issue a special use permit to At&T Wireless Corporation for their existing communication facility at the Mt. Hagen Communications Site

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Gene Flint*

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### Summer Home Addition at Delta A Lot 16

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R5E, Section 16

The District proposes to modify an existing special use permit authorizing a 412 foot addition to a 780 square foot summer cabin.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Kathy Keable*

### Summer Home Improvements at Delta A Lot 37

#### McKenzie River RD

T16, R5E, Section 16

The District proposes to modify an existing special use permit authorizing a small addition to a 500 square foot summer cabin, construction of a storage shed, and replacement of a surface sanitary facility with a septic system.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Kathy Keable*

### White Branch Youth Camp Master Plan

#### McKenzie River RD

T16S, R7E, Section 21

The District proposes to develop with the operator and approve a long term master plan for the White Branch Youth Camp.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Sandy Ratliff*

### Timber Sales

#### Hartz Timber Sale (Formerly Hardy Thin)

##### McKenzie River RD

T17&18S, R4&5E

Proposal includes approximately 1500 acres of timber harvest, consisting primarily of thinning treatments in stands less than 150 years old.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Rita Mustatia*

#### 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.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2006*

*Contact: Cheryl Friesen*

#### Potato Fire Salvage and Restoration

##### McKenzie River RD

T13S, R71/2E, Sections 21-27; T13S, R7E, sections 24-28

The project proposes to salvage trees damaged by the B&B Fire. Also included opportunities for reforestation and other connected restoration activities.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Kevin Moran*

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### **Santiam Highway Hazard Project**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T13S, R71/2E, Sections 21-27

The project proposes to cut and salvage hazardous trees created by the B&B Fire, adjacent to Highway 20. The project will improve safety conditions for highway travelers.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

### **Watershed and Fisheries**

#### **Bull Trout habitat Enhancement**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T15S, R6E, Section 12

The District proposes to partner with Eugene Water & Electric Board to improve cover for juvenile Bull Trout in Trail Bridge reservoir by placing brush bundles near the outlet of the Sweetwater Creek culvert.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

#### **Carmen Spawning channel Enhancement**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

T15S, R6E, Section 11

The District proposes to partner with Eugene Water & Electric Board to enhance spawning conditions for spring chinook salmon by adding gravel to the constructed Carmen Spawning Channel downstream from Trail Bridge Dam.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Ray Rivera*

### **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 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Dave Bickford*

### **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: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Bickford*

### **Upper McKenzie Side Channel Enhancement**

#### **McKenzie River RD**

T15S, R6E, Sections 13,23,24,26

The project proposes enhancement of side channels in the upper part of the McKenzie River through addition of large woody material and re-establishment of flow to abandoned side channels. The treatment reach is downstream from Trailbridge Dam.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Dave Bickford*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*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: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Dave Kretzing*

### Wildlife

#### 2004 Diversity Thinning

##### McKenzie River RD

Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late Successional Reserves

Early stand diversity thinning is proposed to reduce stocking and create diversity on approximately 873 acres of 15 to 28 year old stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

#### 2004 Wildlife Tree Release

##### McKenzie River RD

McKenzie River Ranger District

The project proposes to create approximately 1000 open grown trees in previously thinned 16-28 year old conifer stands. The project will accelerate development of larger trees and increase structural complexity and plant diversity in these stands.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

#### Browse Cutback

##### McKenzie River RD

District-wide

The District proposes to cutback browse vegetation on approximately 100 acres in stands selected on the basis of habitat quality.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

#### Wildlife Tree and Down Woody Material Creation

##### McKenzie River RD

T16S,R4E,S.3,4,&9 and T15S,R4E,S.34

The District proposes to create about 400 wildlife trees using a variety of methods. About 20 trees will be felled to make additional down wood habitat. The project includes monitoring activities.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Penny Harris*

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## Current Projects

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### Middle Fork RD

#### Botany

##### **Buckhead Wildlife Area Invasive Weed Control**

###### **Middle Fork RD**

T20S,R2E.S 35,35; T21S,R2E,S 1,2

This PAYCO project will analyze treatment methods for invasive weed control on approximately 40 acres of Buckhead Wildlife Area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: D'Lynn Williams*

#### 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: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*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: Document Released for Review*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

### Fire Recovery

##### **Fall Creek LSR Fire Recovery Project**

###### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S, R2E

This project will promote recovery of the Clark Fire vicinity within the Fall Creek Late Successional Reserve. The project may include: reforestation, fuel reduction, fuel breaks, road stabilization, road decommissioning, and vegetation management.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

##### **Fall Creek Special Interest Area Fire Recovery**

###### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S,R2E, S.26,27,28

This proposal is to implement treatments necessary to provide user safety around the developed and dispersed recreation sites along FS Rd 18, and to rehabilitate the fire area within the Special Interest Area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

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## Current Projects

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### Recreation

#### Bedrock Campground Fire Restoration Project

##### Middle Fork RD

T18S,R2E, S.26

This project is to provide for the sage reopening of the Bedrock campground after the 2003 Clark Fire. Dead trees would be removed under a SMALL TIMBER SALE to provide for public safety, and to restore the campsites, vegetation, parking, and roads.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

#### Huckleberry Flats OHV Trail Development

##### Middle Fork RD

T20S,R3E, S.1, T20S,R4E,S.4-9,16-21

This project is for provision of approximately 20 miles of trails that will be open for OHV use within and immediately east of the existing OHV trail system on Huckleberry Flats.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2005*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Wendy Zustiak*

#### 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 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Tangen*

### Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

#### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R6E, T22S, R6E

This proposal is to rework the earlier plan. Issues to be addressed include dispersed uses of the lakeside zone, outfitter uses of the basin and the motorized boat use of the lake. To review the history of the project visit the Willamette NF website.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Jim Williams or Brian McGinley*

#### Waldo Lake Campground Accessibility Improvements

##### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R6E,S.9,T22S,R6E,S.5,6

This project is to analyze the improvements that are needed to bring the campgrounds to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

#### Waldo Lake Campgrounds Barrier-free Project

##### Middle Fork RD

T21S, R6E, S.9,16 ; T22S,R6E, S.5,6

This project is to provide ease of use in the Waldo Lake Campgrounds by disabled persons. Approximately 32 campsites, 17000 feet of trails, 85 tables, etc. would be brought up to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 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: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

### Westfir Tie Trail Easement Creation

#### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E, S.7

The historic Westfir Tie Trail that connects the N Fork Trail (3666) with the Alpine Trail (3450) is partially located on private land. An easement for use and maintenance of this trail will be sought from the land owner.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

## Restoration Projects

### Jim's Creek Savanna Restoration Proposal

#### Middle Fork RD

T24S,R3E,S1,2,3,11,12

The proposal is the restoration of an area that used to be a 600 acre ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and Oregon white oak savanna. Actions will be identified to facilitate the restoration, including a timber sale, release, underburning, and others.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Spring 2006*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

## Road-Use

### Access and Travel Management Gates

#### Middle Fork RD

District-wide

This PAYCO project will repair and or replace 10 existing gates each year, for years starting FY04, FY05, and FY06.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Bill Pack*

### 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 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Keith Wheeler*

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## **Current Projects**

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### **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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Murdough*

### **Road 19 Reconstruction**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

From Westfir to Box Canyon along road 19

This proposal is for road repair of asphalt failure and drainage replacement as needed.

*Status: Pre-Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Larry Tennis*

### **Road 21 Reconstruction**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T22S,R3E;T23S,R3E;T24S,R3E;T24S,R4E

This project involves the initial assessment, survey and design of existing conditions to improve the safe travel on forest road 21. Possible work items are culvert replacement, rebuilding settling fills, roads surfacing, and bridge work.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2005*

*Contact: Leo Robb*

### **Road 5850 Reconstruction**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

From Jct 2102 and 5850 to Jct of Rd 22 and 5850

This proposal is for 9.6 miles of reconstruction of road 5850. This project will consist of drainage repair and replacement, asphalt repair, and possible realignment of road segments.

*Status: Pre-Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Mary Lee Sayre*

### **Road Use Permit - Bryant**

#### **Middle Fork RD**

T21S,R2E,S.13.

Jim R. Bryant requests use of National Forest land to access his property. Current access from Highway 58 is unsafe due to high volume of traffic. Permit for 10 years.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### **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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*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 10 years.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*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 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Bill Pack, Jim Willams*

### 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: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Sharon Knoper*

### Special Uses

#### Caddis Fly Angling Shop

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

Chris Daughters is requesting a special use permit to conduct guided river and fishing trips, using nonmotorized boats. The time frame is March 1 to Dec 31, 2004.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*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 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### Michael Divita 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 Army Corps of Engineers boundary at Lookout Point Reservoir.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### Oregon River Sports, Inc.

#### Middle Fork RD

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

M. Guy Santiago is requesting a special use permit for river rafting and instruction for river rescue skills and safety. Permit would start March 19 through December 31, 2004.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

### Timber Sales

#### Bunch Salvage

##### Middle Fork RD

T22S, R5.5E,

Salvage of a large area of catastrophic blowdown. Heavy snow has made it impossible to get a good survey of the site. More specific information will be available for review later this spring.

*Status: Pre-Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### 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: Document Development*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2005*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### Frontier Salvage

##### Middle Fork RD

T18S, R2E, 3E, 4E, T19S, R2E, 3E, T20S, R2E, 3E

Salvage of trees downed by snow, wind and ice in and adjacent to forest roads in the Fall Creek and Winberry Creek drainages. Low snow levels are preventing complete survey at this time.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

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## Current Projects

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### Hehe Thin 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 thinning in young 30-60 yr plantations in the Hehe Creek area of the Fall Creek LSR.

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

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2005*

*Contact: Gary Marsh*

### 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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*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: Spring 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 2006*

*Implementation: Winter 2007*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

## Watershed and Fisheries

### Batavilla 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: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Ernie Ledbetter*

### Bear Creek Stream Enhancement Project

#### Middle Fork RD

T23S, R5E, S.28

This project would place large wood within the Bear Creek stream channel. The purpose of this project is to create or enhance habitat for bull trout and resident trout.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Doug Larson*

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## Current Projects

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### Oregon Chub Enhancement Project

#### Middle Fork RD

T21S,R3E, S18

Proposal to renhance Oregon chub habitat adjacent to the Middle Fork Willamette River. Project workwill include deepening of pools by placing habitat enhancement structures in the waterways.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Nikki Swanson*

### 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 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Ernie Ledbetter*

### 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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

### Wildlife

#### 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 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*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: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Kim Garvey*

## Sweet Home RD

### Facilities

#### Disposal of Facilities

##### Sweet Home RD

Sweet Home City

A decicion memo was signed 12/9/03 for two Sweet Home Forest Service houses to be sold. One Sweet Home and four Detroit houses will need further analysis due to Historic concerns.The Sweet Home work center office is planned to be remodeled by 2005.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Mike Rassbach*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*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: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Doug Shank*

### Silviculture

#### Precommercial Thinning and Release

##### Sweet Home RD

District-Wide

Propose to precommercially thin 1450 acres and conifer release 50 acres. Management allocation these activities will occur in are: Late-successional Reserve - 1100 acres; Matrix - 300 acres and Riparian Reserve 100 acres.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Pete Jorgenson*

### Timber Sales

#### 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 are combined in one EA. Gordon proposes to commercially thin 190 acres of 40 year old managed stands. Three proposes to commercially thin 450 acres of 45 year old managed stands in T13S,R5E,S.31; T14S,R5E,S.5,6,8,16,17.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*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: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

#### Quartzville LSR Thin

##### Sweet Home RD

T11S,R5E,S.7,8,21,26-29,31,35.T11S,R4E,S.10-15,24,25,33-36. T12S,R4E,S.1.

This project proposes up to 1000 acres of thinning in 40 year old plantations in the Canal, Galena and Quartzville Creek areas in the Quartzville RO-213 LSR. One 60 acre and 60 year old natural stand in this area is also being evaluated for thinning.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: Suzanne Schindler*

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## Current Projects

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### 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: Decision Pending*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*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: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Brian McGinley*

## Wildlife

### Lodgepole Flat Meadow Enhancement

#### Sweet Home RD

T13S,R7E,S.5, 8

Propose to remove conifers on about 20 acres of natural meadow. This is a continuation of a project started in 2001 to enhance the meadow by removing small diameter Douglas-fir and lodgepole pine.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*

### Smith Prairie Meadow Enhancement

#### Sweet Home RD

T14S,R7E,S.6.

Remove encroaching conifers on approximately 10 acres of natural meadow. Cut, pile, and burn small diameter conifers.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*

### Walton Rance Habitat Improvement

#### Sweet Home RD

T13S,R4E,S.32

To maintain and improve big game forage the District proposes to apply fertilizer and control noxious weeds on 40 acres at Walton Ranch. The management allocations for the ranch are Late-successional reserve and adaptive management area.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Virgil Morris*

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## *Decisions Made Since Last Quarter*

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### **Detroit RD**

#### **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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

##### **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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Vic Baumann*

### **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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Neal Forrester or Ken Byford*

### **McKenzie River RD**

#### **Recreation**

##### **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: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Steve Otoupalik*

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## **Decisions Made Since Last Quarter**

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### **Timber Sales**

#### **Two Bee Landscape Management Project (New Decision)**

##### **McKenzie River RD**

AMA, T13S,R6&R7E;

T14S,R6&R7E;T15S,R6&R7E

The original Two Bee Decision was withdrawn. The project is being re-scoped to incorporate additional information into the decision and to more fully address issues raised during the original appeals period.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: 12/20/2003*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Cheryl Friesen*

### **Wildlife**

#### **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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

#### **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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Shane Kamrath*

### **Middle Fork RD**

#### **Special Uses**

#### **Lowell School District Special Use Permit**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T19S,R1W,S14

This proposal is for the Lowell School District to occupy the 3 forest service houses directly across from the school, until a land exchange with the Army Corps of Engineers and the USFS is complete.

*Status: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Sandra Melinder*

#### **Will. Pass Ski Area Special Use Permit Adjustment**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S,R6E,S8

This proposal is to adjust the boundary of Willamette Pass Ski Area to include a portion of the old quarry south of Highway 58. This would enable the regulation of the quarry site to eliminate the unsafe use of the area for informal snow play activities.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Tim Bailey*

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## *Decisions Made Since Last Quarter*

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### **Timber Sales**

#### **Clark Fire Roadside Salvage**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T18S,R2E,R3E

This proposal is for the salvage of downed logs and fire damaged hazard trees along the Fall Creek Road (18) , road 1821 and spurs within the perimeter of the Clark Fire. There may be replacement of culverts in the project.

*Status: Signed Decision Document*

*Decision: Winter 2003*

*Implementation: Winter 2003*

*Contact: Rick Scott*

#### **Happy Fire Salvage**

##### **Middle Fork RD**

T23S,R5E,S.28

This proposal is for the salvage of approximately 150MBF of dead and dying trees within the perimeter of the Happy Fire.

*Status: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*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: Cancelled*

*Decision:*

*Implementation:*

*Contact: Rick Scott*