MANAGEMENT AREA 5 (4,040 acres) - BALD EAGLE WINTER ROOSTS

1. Description

Management Area 5 is composed of timbered stands in mature/overmature condition which provide winter roosting habitat for bald eagles. This habitat is located in drainages on the southern edge of the Forest. Roost sites are on slopes greater than 35% and are generally the first tall timber adjacent to the Harney Basin.

2. Goals

Manage these stands to maintain or enhance winter roost habitat for bald eagles.

3. Standards

RESOURCE ELEMENT	STANDARDS
	Direction for managing bald eagle winter roosts is given in the *Pacific States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan* (see Appendix I). Forest-wide management direction included in Chapter IV, Section E, of this plan also applies to this management area unless superseded by the following standards:
Recreation	1. Manage for roaded natural recreation.
	2. Restrict winter recreation activities that conflict with bald eagles during roost periods.
Visuals	3. Meet visual quality objectives ranging from retention to modification depending on the visual quality objective of adjacent lands.
Fish and Wildlife	4. Preserve the integrity of active and potential bald eagle roost sites. Manage and protect them within the requirements of the *Pacific States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan*.
	5. Inventory all actual and potential winter roosts. Develop management plans for active roosts which address problems, opportunities, boundary adjustments, replacement roosts, etc., as directed by the *Pacific States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan*. Use an interdisciplinary process to resolve conflicts with other resources as appropriate. Coordinate with other agencies (e.g., Bureau of Land Management) as needed to develop sound plans.
	6. Examine potential roosts periodically to determine if any are being used by eagles and develop management plans as needed.
	7. Manage active and potential roosts to maintain desirable old growth conditions that are characteristic of roost habitat. Manipulate the structural features and vegetative composition of the roosts as necessary. Give preference to natural processes if they will achieve objectives in a timely manner.
	8. Assist in monitoring efforts of the roosts in cooperation with other agencies. Utilize the findings and recommendations of the roost surveys as appropriate.

9. Maintain dead and defective tree habitat capable of supporting natural occurring levels of populations of primary excavators.

Timber

10. Exclude scheduled timber harvest. Lands are classified as "unsuitable" for timber management. Timber may be harvested for the purpose of stand maintenance or enhancement to optimize roost habitat. Restrict harvest activities to occur only during the nonuse period to avoid eagle disturbance. Conduct all timber-related activity in accordance with the *Pacific States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan.*

11. Leave appropriate numbers of large diameter trees for roosting sites as recommended in the *Pacific States Bald Eagle Recovery Plan.*

12. Prohibit firewood cutting.

Minerals

13. Manage mineral activities during the roost site utilization period to mitigate adverse impacts.

Lands

14. Do not exchange these lands out of National Forest ownership as long as the bald eagle is a threatened and endangered species.

15. Restrict permitted special uses that conflict with roost management objectives.

Facilities

Roads

16. Restrict road use when bald eagle roosts are occupied.

17. Avoid bald eagle roost sites when locating and designing roads.

Utility Corridors

18. Manage this area as a Category 1 Avoidance area for the location of utility corridors.

Protection

Residue Management

19. Manage residue to protect the management area from catastrophic wildfire and enhance habitat for bald eagles. Develop site-specific residue management objectives in the Bald Eagle Winter Roost Management Plan.

20. Manage residue profiles to minimize the potential for high intensity fires. Use prescribed fire from planned ignitions to achieve resource management objectives.

Insects and Disease

21. Allow endemic levels of infestation to occur. Treat epidemic levels that threaten eagle roost values or adjacent lands.

4. Schedule of Management Practices

No management practices are scheduled for Management Area 5.