



File Code: 1950; 2400 **Date:** March 10, 2016

Subject: Bull Run Watershed Land Use Allocation Administrative Change

To: Forest Leadership Team, Mt. Hood National Forest

In an effort to update the Mt. Hood Land and Resource Management Plan (the Forest Plan), we have updated the land use allocations and standards and guidelines for the Bull Run Watershed. These updates make the Forest Plan consistent with the public laws governing the management of the watershed. Congress passed public laws in 1996 and 2001 that amended the Bull Run Act of 1977 to prohibit timber harvest within the watershed. As such, the following changes were made related to the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit to make the Forest Plan consistent with current public law.

- Bull Run Watershed Management Unit now includes only DA1: Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, DA3: Research Natural Area, and A9: Key Site Riparian lands (see attached map).
- All lands within the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit are Administratively Withdrawn under the Northwest Forest Plan. Administratively withdrawn areas are “identified in current forest and district plans or draft plan preferred alternatives and include recreational and visual areas, back country, and other areas not scheduled for timber harvest” (NWFP ROD, page 7). As such, administratively withdrawn areas are not scheduled for timber harvest.
- The DA2: North Buffer – No Regulated Harvest, DA8: Spotted Owl Habitat Area, DA9: Key Site Riparian, DA13: Bald Eagle Recovery Area, DB2: Scenic Viewshed, DB5: Pileated Woodpecker/Pine Martin Habitat Area, DB7: General Riparian Area, DB8: Earthflow and DC1: Timber Emphasis land use allocations are removed from the Forest Plan.
- The title of the DA1 land use allocation is changed to “DA1 Bull Run Watershed Management Unit” from “DA1 Bull Run Physical Drainage”.
- There is a Standard and Guideline on page 4-302 that was never assigned a number. It is now Standard and Guideline D-022 in the Fire Prevention and Suppression Section, and reads: *Application of aerial fire retardants in fire suppression shall be permitted only as approved by the City of Portland Water Bureau.*
- Standard and Guideline DA1-014 & DA1-015 are changed to reflect the language within the Bull Run Act, as stated below.

Unregulated timber harvest may be permitted only if water quality standards are met. The cutting of timber is only allowed for the following reasons as defined in Public Law 95-200:

- a. The protection or enhancement of water quality; or,*
- b. The protection, enhancement, or maintenance of water quantity available; or,*



- c. *The construction, expansion, protection or maintenance of municipal water supply facilities; or,*
 - d. *The construction, expansion, protection or maintenance of facilities for the transmission of energy through and over the unit or previously authorized hydroelectric facilities or hydroelectric projects associated with municipal water supply facilities.*
- Standard and Guideline DA2-005 is retained as Standard and Guideline DA1-038 in the Visual Quality Management section. DA1-038 now reads: *Management activities shall achieve a visual quality objective of Retention as viewed from Columbia Wilderness trails.*
 - Standards and Guidelines D-012, D-014 and DA1-017 through DA1-023 were removed. All standards and guidelines, except DA2-015, associated with land use allocations DA2, DA8, DA9, DA13, DB2, DB5, DB7, DB8 and DC1 were removed.

As required by the 2012 Planning Rule, an administrative change made outside of the process for plan revision or amendment may be made only after notice to the public of the intended change and consideration of public comment (§ 219.16(c)(6)). Both the Forest Service and City of Portland Water Bureau posted the details of this administrative change to websites for 30-days. No comments were received through these efforts.

As such, the Forest Plan has been amended to reflect this administrative change. The attached document replaces pages 4-295 through 4-317 of the Forest Plan. All projects that impact the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit are required to use these standards and guidelines from this point forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lombardo at (503) 668-1796 or mlombardo@fs.fed.us.

/s/ Lisa A. Northrop

LISA A. NORTHROP
Forest Supervisor

cc: Bill Westbrook, Michelle Lombardo, Bart Lander, Kathryn Strawn, Gianna Vaccaro