



# UMPQUA REVIEW

NATIONAL FOREST  
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

**APRIL 2003**

The Schedule of Proposed Actions inside these pages cover environmental analyses in progress on the Umpqua National Forest. This publication is our way of keeping you informed and involved in our plans and progress. We focus these activities on protecting, conserving, using, and restoring forest ecosystems. Each activity lists a contact person if you want additional information or to share ideas.

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We hope this publication meets your needs. You will also find it on our Forest's website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua).

Sincerely,

*James A. Caplan*  
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Forest Supervisor

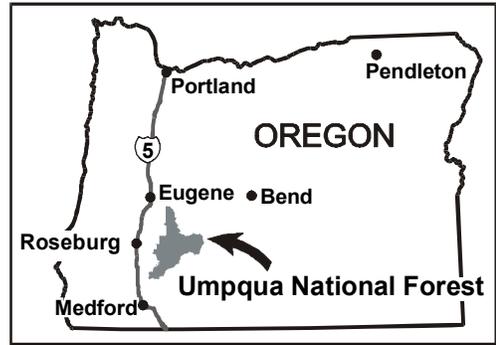
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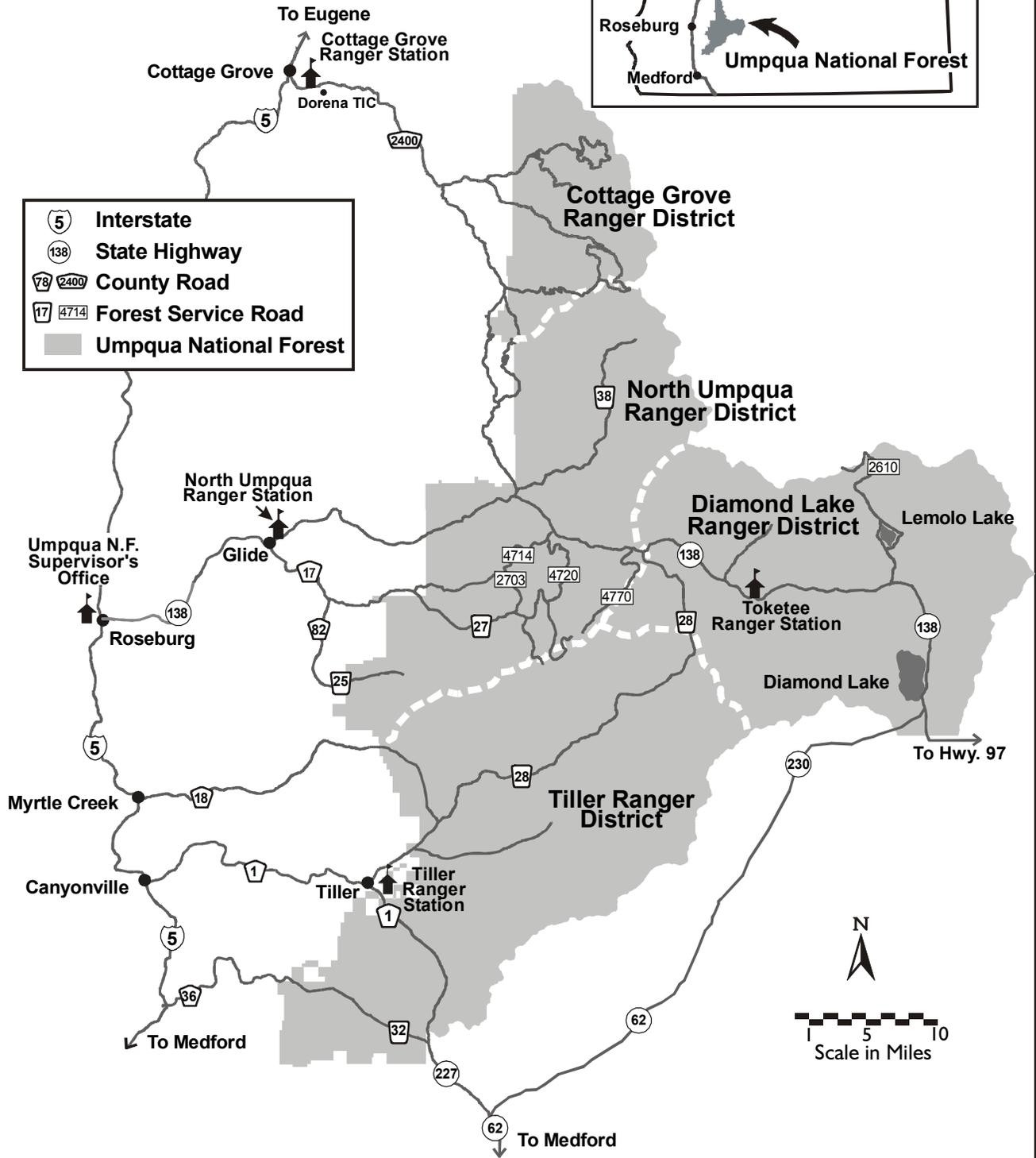
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# Umpqua National Forest



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	State Highway
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## SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

### Forest-wide Integrated Noxious Weed Management Project

**Proposal:** This project would define the integrated weed management strategy for the Forest, including prevention of new infestations, identification of high priority weed infestation areas on the Forest, and recommendations of possible treatments of existing sites. Approximately 105 sites have been identified for treatment. Methods of treatment would include using manual control (hand pulling), applying heated foam to kill above ground weeds, planting native trees or shrubs to shade out the weed species, using herbicide (Picloram) to eliminate weeds; solarization (using black plastic to shade out weeds), and mowing or clipping the weeds. An adaptive management strategy may be developed to control future weed infestations. This project may result in a non-significant, site specific amendment to the Umpqua National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan in order to incorporate an integrated weed management strategy for the Forest.

**Location:** Forest-wide

**Public Input:** Scoping began in October of 1995 with the original project, scoping is being re-initiated on the new proposed action. The Proposed Action was made available in October for review.

**Status:** Re-initiating scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** FY 2003.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson/Richard Helliwell

### Forest Plan Amendment – Minerals Standards and Guidelines

**Proposal:** Amends Northwest Forest Plan Minerals Management-1 Standard and Guideline for the Umpqua National Forest. MM-1 requires a Plan of Operation for any activity within a Riparian Reserve. This Standard and Guideline conflicts with the Code of Federal Regulations. Under the Code of Federal Regulations, District Rangers have the authority to determine whether a Plan of Operation is necessary for activities within Riparian Reserves. The amendment would put the Umpqua National Forest in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Location:** Forest-wide

**Public Input:** Scoping began in January of 1998.

**Status:** Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Projected Decision Date:** This decision is on hold pending input from the Regional Office.

**Contact Person:** Jake O'Dowd



### North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC-1927-008)

**Proposal:** In the headwaters of the North Umpqua River, located on the Umpqua National Forest, is the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project, FERC 1927-008 (Project). The Project was constructed between 1947 and 1956 under the terms of a 50-year license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Project's original license has expired. Since 1991, the Umpqua National Forest has been a participant in the relicensing process to determine the new license conditions necessary for protection and utilization of the National Forest System lands as required by the management direction established in the Umpqua National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1990), as amended, under the authority provided for the agency in Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act.

FERC will shortly release a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Project. The USDA Forest Service intends to adopt this FEIS via the process described in 40 Code of Federal Regulations 1506.3 and arrive at a final decision regarding USDA Forest Service 4(e) Terms and Conditions on or about May 1, 2003.

**Location:** North Umpqua River basin in southwest Oregon, approximately 60 miles east of the city of Roseburg.

**Public Input:** Scoping opportunities occurred through the FERC EIS process. Current USDA- Forest Service scoping period was initiated through a special mailing of this proposed action in March 2003.

**Status:** Waiting the FERC FEIS document release.

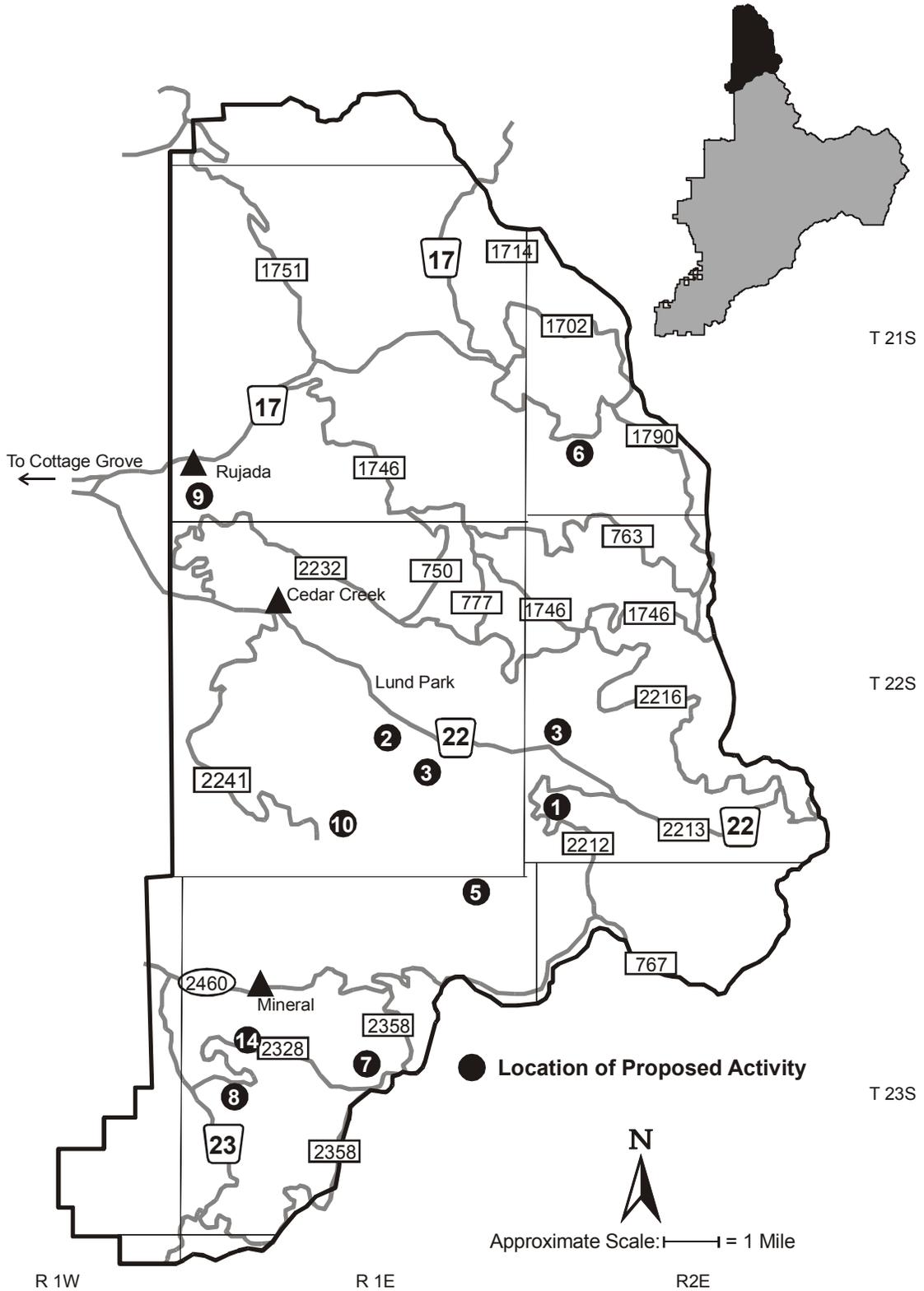
**Project Decision Date:** May 2003

**Contact Person:** Pam Sichting (541) 957-3342

### Projects with Decision Made During the Previous Quarter

None at this time

# Cottage Grove Ranger District



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# COTTAGE GROVE RANGER DISTRICT

## Timber Stand Management Projects

### 3 Northnoon Timber Sale

**Proposal:** The proposed action is to harvest timber on approximately 163 acres of National Forest Lands on the Cottage Grove Ranger District and to implement road restoration. The area is matrix designation and is located within the Brice Creek Drainage. The proposal is to partially harvest transitional-aged stands targeting trees in the smaller age classes. Small gaps will be left to enhance wildlife habitat. Other wildlife enhancements include snag creation and bird boxes where appropriate. Additional activities associated with the action may include planting, fuels reduction, prescribed burning and road reconstruction, upgrade and decommissioning.

The need for this timber sale has been established based on the following purposes:

- Provide wood fiber as a commodity to local communities;
- Maintain an environmentally sound and affordable road network;
- Restore native vegetation, and aquatic and wildlife habitat in Matrix, LSR and Riparian allocations;
- Maintain public safety.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed. T22S, R1E, Section 25; T22S, R2E, Sections 30 and 31. Project is located within a Matrix land allocation.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of this project proposal in the July 2002 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA).

**Status:** The 30-day public review prior to a decision ended on March 28, 2003. A decision is expected to be made in April 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** April 2003.

**Contact Person:** Terry Fairbanks (541) 767-5040.

### 2 Crawdog Thinning and Restoration

**Proposal:** The proposed action is to harvest timber on approximately 1350 acres of National Forest Lands on the Cottage Grove Ranger District, and to implement prescribed burning, and road and riparian restoration activities. There is a portion of the Fairview Roadless Area within the planning area, although no activities are proposed in this area. The proposal is to thin stands in the 40-80 year age class. Small gaps (2 acres or less in size) would also be created to improve structural and species diversity to enhance wildlife habitat. Other wildlife enhancements include snag creation and placement of bird boxes where appropriate. Additional activities associated with this action may include riparian restoration planting, fuels reduction (such as prescribed burning), and road reconstruction, upgrade and decommissioning.

The need for this timber sale has been established based on the following:

- Maintain and enhance tree growth and stand health;
- Accelerate development of late-successional characteristics;
- Restore native vegetation, and aquatic and wildlife habitat in Matrix and Riparian allocations;
- Reduce ground, intermediate and canopy level fuels to decrease risk of high intensity fire events adjacent to the Forest Boundary and the Fairview Roadless Area;
- Create and maintain fire resilient stands;
- Retain late-successional components to maintain aquatic and terrestrial habitat;
- Improve hydrological function within the analysis area;
- Establish a management control strategy for noxious/invasive weeds;
- Address the reduced road maintenance fund by decommissioning and/or stormproofing specific roads;
- Provide wood fiber as a commodity to the local economy.

**Location:** Brice Creek Watershed. T22S, R1E, Sections 7,8,9,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30,31,32, and 33. This includes the following drainages: Adams, Donna, Cedar, Crawfish, Dog, Inch, Martin, and Hobo Creek. The project is located within Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of this project in the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.  
**Status:** Project initiation by formation of interdisciplinary team and start of environmental analysis. Resource information needs are being determined.

**Project Decision Date:** June 2004.

**Contact Person:** Susan Johnson (541) 767-5044.

## **6 Precommercial Thinning 2003**

**Proposal:** Conduct pre-commercial thinning on 300 acres. The project areas were originally planted 13 to 20 years ago. The purpose of the treatment is to distribute the growth potential of the site to the most vigorous growing trees by reducing stocking levels to a prescribed level consistent with the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan guidelines.

**Location:** District-wide. Project is located within Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in October 2001. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** The project is currently under review by District staff specialists. Issues associated with the project are being identified.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2003.

**Contact Person:** Paul Higgins (541) 767-5043

## **Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects**

### **4 Unique Site Restoration**

**Proposal:** Restore unique habitat sites damaged by vehicles and past management practices. Activities include obliterating skid roads, removing unwanted vegetation, restoring native plants, stormproofing and decommissioning roads, and other site improvement activities.

**Location:** District-wide. Fifty sites have been identified in potential need of restoration. Project is located within Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in October 2001. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis of environmental effects are being documented for public review prior to a decision.

**Project Decision Date:** June 2003.

**Contact Person:** Melissa Kirkland (541) 767-5045.

## **Facilities – Repair and Development**

### **9 Rujada Campground Vegetation Management Project**

**Proposal:** To apply a density management treatment by removing specific trees within Rujada Campground, create 2-6 new campsites, redesign several existing camp sites to accommodate RV users, plant trees and shrubs, and remove hazardous trees and/or limbs. The purpose of this project is to promote a healthy timber stand within the campground, reduce insect and disease susceptibility, promote species and structural diversity, retain or enhance existing campsite characteristics, reduce potential hazards to users and enhance recreational experiences.

**Location:** Layng Creek Watershed. Rujada Campground, T21S, R1E, Sec. 31. Project is located within a Riparian Reserve.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in March 1999. Input is being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis is ongoing.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003.

**Contact Person:** Cindy Pack (541) 767-5015.

### **6 Waterfall Trail CIP Improvement**

**Proposal:** Reconstruct approximately 0.8 miles of the Parker Falls Trail #1415, including construction of 0.2 miles of relocated trail. In addition, approximately 0.8 miles of Pinard Falls Trail #1593 would be reconstructed and/or relocated. Any portions of trail that are abandoned due to relocation would be closed and restored as needed. This project will bring the above two trails to a useable hiker standard.

**Location:** Parker Falls Trail #1415 is an existing maintained trail in the Brice Creek corridor located in sections 29 and 30 in T22S, R2E. Pinard Falls Trail #1593 is an unmaintained and incomplete trail located in the Layng Creek watershed, T21S, R2E, sections 30 and 31.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the publication of this project in the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project initiation by formation of interdisciplinary team and start of an environmental analysis. Resource information needs are being determined.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003.

**Contact Person:** Cindy Pack (541) 767-5015.

## **Mining Projects**

### **7 Star Group Lode Claim**

**Proposal:** To conduct tunneling in one lode claim and mineral exploration in two claims and to process the mined ore.

**Location:** Sharps Creek watershed, T23S, R1E, Sec. 21 & 22. Project is within Matrix and Riparian Reserve lands.

**Public Input:** Scoping has been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The deciding officer has decided to withdraw the May 20, 2002 Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Gold Star Environmental Assessment. A new Environmental Assessment will be available for comment in the near future.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2003.

**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

### **8 Climax I, II, III Placer Claims**

**Proposal:** To conduct dredging and sluicing operations in Puddin Rock Creek.

**Location:** Sharps Creek watershed, T23S, R1E, Sec. 19. Project is within a Riparian Reserve.

**Public Input:** Scoping has been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The deciding officer has decided to withdraw the October 7, 2002 Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Climax I, II, & III Environmental Assessment. A new Environmental Assessment will be available for comment in the near future.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2003.

**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

### **14 Birds Nest Lode Claims**

**Proposal:** To conduct tunneling and exploration in one lode claim, and to process the mined ore.

**Location:** Sharps Creek watershed, T23S, R1E, Sec. 17 and 20. Project is located within Matrix and Riparian Reserve lands.

**Public Input:** Scoping has been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The deciding officer has decided to withdraw the October 7, 2002 Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Birds Nest Environmental Assessment. A new Environmental Assessment will be available for comment in the near future.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2003.

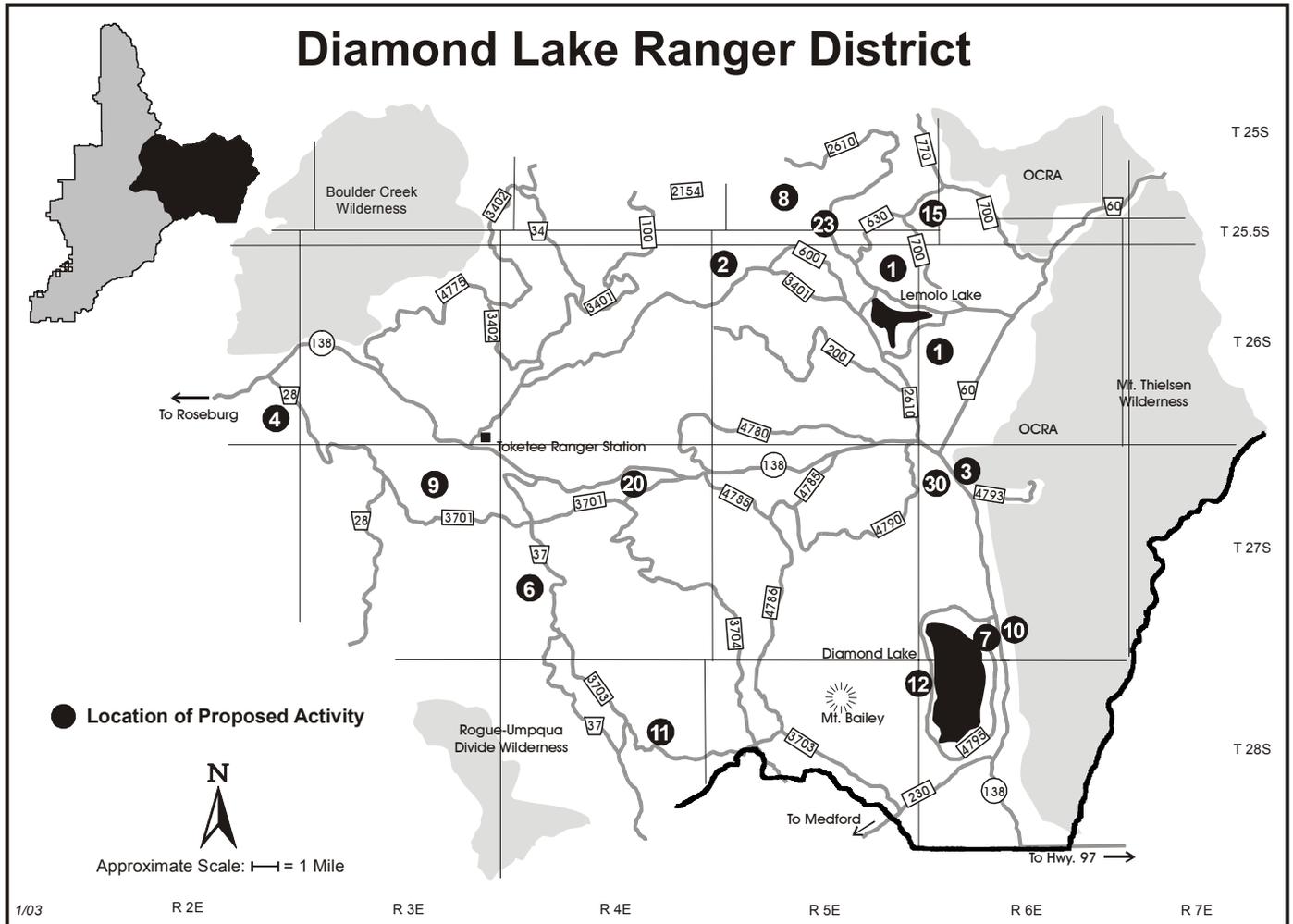
**Contact Person:** Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

## **Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter**

None at this time.

## **Projects with Decisions in the Previous Quarter**

None at this time.



## DIAMOND LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

### Timber Management and Special Forest Products

#### 1 Lemolo Watershed Projects EIS

**Purpose and Need:** This project would implement recommendations from the Diamond Lake/Lemolo Lake Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions, while meeting Forest Plan probable sale quantity objectives for matrix lands. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning and rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; and provide for special forest products (posts, poles, and house logs).

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- 468 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 926 acres of commercial thinning;
- 259 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 and 2003;
- 515 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);

- 5.4 miles of new system road construction;
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 12 miles of road decommissioning;
- 30.5 miles of road reconstruction;
- 2 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- 91 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations.

**Location:** T25S, R5.5E and R6E; T25.5S, R5.5E and R6E; T26S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T27S, R5E, R5.5E, and R6E; T28S, R5.5E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. An open house was held at the Roseburg Library and a field trip was held in June of 1999. Another open house was held on April 24 at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center from 4pm to 7pm, to inform the public on recently developed alternatives.

**Status:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be published in April 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** July 2003 - Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Pat Williams

## 6 Fish Creek Watershed Projects

**Purpose and Need:** This project would implement recommendations from the Fish Creek Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to approximate natural disturbance processes such as large scale disturbance (stand replacement fire), light ground fires and insect attacks, and localized natural disturbances caused by small lightning fires, insects, and root disease, through even and uneven aged silvicultural prescriptions, while meeting Forest Plan probable sale quantity objectives for matrix lands. Additional projects are designed to improve water quality through road reconstruction, road decommissioning, rehabilitation of soils through subsoiling, spring rehabilitation, trailhead relocation, in-stream wood placement; reduce fire hazard by reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; improve long term site productivity of managed stands that have been adversely affected by past management practices, through subsoiling of main skid trails and temporary haul roads; precommercial thin overstocked managed stands to improve health and vigor; and wildlife enhancement projects.

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- 422 acres of regeneration harvest;
- 834 acres of commercial thinning;
- 145 acres of uneven aged management prescriptions;
- 5 timber sales are planned to be sold in 2002 and 2003;
- 700 acres of natural fuel treatment (underburn);
- 3.5 miles of temporary road construction and subsequent obliteration;
- 35.2 miles of road decommissioning;
- 61 miles of road reconstruction/maintenance;
- 12 acres of permanent helicopter landing construction;
- Relocation of three trail heads;
- Wildlife enhancement projects;
- Rock source development;
- Spring rehabilitation;
- 1130 acres of subsoiling within existing plantations;
- 2644 acres of precommercial thinning;
- 8 miles of in-stream wood placement;

**Location:** T26S, R3E; T27S, R3E, R4E, and R5E; T28S, R3E, R4E, and R5E.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions and the publishing of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. An open house was held at the Douglas County Library on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and a field trip was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2001.

**Status:** Alternative Development.

**Projected Decision Date:** January 2004 - Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Pat Williams

## **Deferred Road Maintenance Clearing**

**Proposal:** Clearing of smaller trees and brush along the primary road system to achieve safety standards and to provide defensible potential firelines. The growth of vegetation along these roads that are open to the public has limited sight distances and clear passing areas. In addition, cleared roads provide safe and effective firelines in the event of a large fire. Clearing will be done up to 30 feet from the edges of roadways. A commercial timber sale, or sales, will be used to accomplish the work, including slash disposal. All trees under 16" dbh and tall brush will be cleared. Slash will be mulched in place, chipped, or piled and burned.

**Location:** Multiple locations on the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project is currently on hold.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003, Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Steve Nelson

## **Facilities – Repair and Development**

### **15 Diamond Drive Reconstruction (formerly West Cascade Exploration Route Link)**

**Purpose and Need:** This project would provide a safe, scenic route from Oakridge to Highway 138 for passenger cars, bicycles, and RV's that would meet the criteria for designation as a Scenic Byway. The byway would expand recreational driving opportunities and tourism within the concept of a scenic "less than 65 mph" route from Estacada to Ashland.

**Proposal:** Convert single lane routes (portions of roads 2154, 6000-770 and 6000-700) on the Willamette and Umpqua National Forests to double lane paved. Complete geotechnical investigation, design, construction, striping, and traffic control devices. Existing partnerships between the Forest Service, Oregon Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration are coordinating and funding completion of gateway and information portals at Estacada, McKenzie Ranger Station, Blue River and Westfir.

**Location:** Willamette side – T24S, R5E, Sec. 21,22,26,27,35, & 36. T25S, R5E, Sec. 1,12, & 13. T25S, R5 1/2E, Sec. 4,5,9,10,15,16, & 17.

Umpqua side – T25S, R5E, Sec. 13,24,25,36, & 35.

T25 1/2S, R5E, Sec. 36. T26S, R5E, Sec. 1. T26S, R6E, Sec. 6,7,8, & 17.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Alternative development.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003 – Decision Notice.

**Contact Person:** Steve Nelson

### **7 Boat Ramp Extensions**

**Proposal:** The proposed project is to extend the C and M Loop boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground. The existing ramps are too short to accommodate many boat trailers and often trailer wheels drop off the end of the ramp. The project would extend the 2 boat ramps in Diamond Lake Campground eight feet each by adding 2 four feet pre-cast concrete sections to each ramp. Very little ground disturbance is anticipated. The proposed completion date is June 2003.

**Location:** T28S, R5.51/2E, Sec. 9 & 16.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Analysis proceeding.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003, Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig.

### **8 Warm Springs Falls**

**Proposal:** Under this proposal a safety railing with viewing platform would be installed on the Warm Springs Trail. In addition the trail would be brought to Accessible Standards. A parking area, toilet, and trail bridge would be necessary to meet these standards. This site is included in the UNF waterfalls brochure.

**Location:** This project is located in T25S R5E section 32.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed Action.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Mike Kinney



### **Boat Ramp Reconstruction**

**Proposal:** The proposed project is to reconstruct the existing South Shore and Thielsen View CG boat ramps at Diamond Lake. The existing ramps do not meet Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) standards for boating facilities. The existing South Shore ramp will not accommodate most boats due to the existing slope and in general has no existing ramp other than native soil. The proposal is to extend the ramp launch lanes out into the lake approx. 30'-40' x 50' wide to reach deeper water. The launch ramps and docks will then extend from that point, similar to the other boat ramps at Diamond Lake. The proposal at the Thielsen View CG is to widen and extend the existing ramp to meet standard. Proposed construction date for both is 2004.

**Location:** T28S, R5E, sec. 1 & T28S, R51/2E, sec. 20

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with mailing of this Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

### **Special Use Permits**

#### **12 Diamond Lake Summer Homes**

**Proposal:** Project is within the Diamond Lake Summer Home Tract for activities requested by permit holders for construction projects within their permit area. Requested projects are typically additions to existing cabins, construction of storage sheds, less than 130 square feet, and repair of septic or water systems.

**Location:** T28S, R5E, Sec. 1 and 12.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is in the developmental stage.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003 - Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

#### **30 ODOT Storage Tank**

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for the project is for storage of road de-icing compound at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Lemolo Maintenance Station. The compound is to be used for winter highway maintenance. The proposal is to construct a pad and spill containment area for a 6000-gallon tank for the storage of magnesium chloride de-icing solution. **Location:** T26S, R5½E Sec. 36.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003.

**Contact Person:** John Wallig

#### **2 Lemolo Lake Resort – Permit Renewal**



**Proposal:** The project proposal is to allow for the continued operation of the Lemolo Lake Resort at Lemolo Lake. The current permit authorizes the use of 19.5 acres of National Forest Land for the purposes of operating a Resort. The current operation is year-round offering a full range of services including lodging, food service, gas station, store, RV park, and boat rentals. No new construction or expansion of the current operation is planned under this proposal. The project will result in the re-issuance of a Special Use Permit.

**Location:** T26S, R5E, section 11.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of this Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2004 – Decision Notice

**Contact Person:** Steve Nelson

## Restoration and Improvement

### 4 Rush Skeleton Weed Removal

**Purpose and Need:** Rush Skeleton Weed (*Chondrila juncea*), a high priority noxious weed on the Umpqua National Forest, has infested a 30-acre plantation in the Copeland Creek watershed. This species has high potential to rapidly spread throughout other nearby ecosystems like Oak Flats.

**Proposal:** The proposal is to interplant the plantation with quick growing, densely canopied trees which in theory will shade out the Rush Skeleton Weed over time. In addition it is proposed to decommission the last 0.7 miles of the 700 rd. and the 720 rd. that acted as logging operation roads in the 30-acre unit.

**Location:** T26S, R02E section 24.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Archaeological surveys scheduled.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Clint Emerson

### District Non-Conifer Revegetation

**Proposal:** To enhance native plant communities, restore Sensitive species habitat, enhance wildlife communities, prevent erosion, provide competition to noxious weeds, improve aesthetics and reclaim certain pieces of disturbed and fallow land by planting native, locally collected bare-root and containerized plant material. In addition, broadcast seeding of grass and herbaceous species would occur.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** March 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Clint Emerson

### Wildlife Habitat Improvement Projects for 2003

**Proposal:** Several small mitigation and habitat enhancement projects are proposed within the District. Proposed treatment include forage seeding or plantings to improve big game habitat conditions, prescribed burning, road closures, down wood and snag augmentation, mechanical weed treatment, mechanical regeneration of browse species, wetland enhancements and restoration, and conifer control in meadows.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** February 2003, Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Jeff Bohler

### Wildlife Habitat Restoration and



### Enhancement Projects for FY2003 Phase 2

**Proposal:** To begin implementing wildlife habitat related activities identified in the Forest's Terrestrial Restoration Business Plan, the Diamond Lake District is proposing big game forage enhancements in designated winter range, prescribed burning, conifer control and meadow restoration, fence removal, aspen restoration, wetland enhancements and minor water developments.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003, Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Jeff Bohler

### Diamond Lake Ranger District Pre-Commercial Thinning

**Proposal:** This project will precommercial thin approximately 2426 acres of overstocked managed stands in matrix lands and 799 acres within the late successional reserve allocation in Copeland Creek over the next five years.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Randy Menke

### Collection of Wood for Instream Fisheries Habitat

**Proposal:** Collect, haul, and deck down, soundness for future instream use in creating and Copeland Creek, and Fish Creek and its tributaries. wood only, not for instream placement.



roadside wood of suitable length, diameter and restoring fish habitat. Wood placement would occur in This proposal is for collection, hauling and decking of

**Location:** Multiple locations on the Diamond Lake Ranger District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

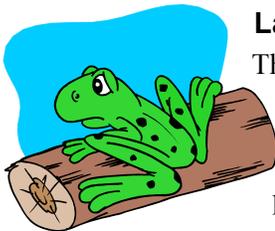
**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003, Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Craig Street

### Diamond

**Proposal:** Diamond emphasis in

and some 1500 acres



### Lake

This project



### Hazardous Fuels Phase II

will continue the ongoing effort to manage fuels in the Lake Recreation Area. This project will be around Diamond Lake proper, with areas that were not covered by Diamond Lake Phase I NEPA. Tasks to be accomplished include; handpiling of residue concentrations, chipping of fuels, prescribed burning. It is estimated that the project will encompass approximately

**Location:** Multiple locations within the Diamond Lake Recreation Area.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed Action

**Projected Decision Date:** May 2004, Decision Memo

**Contact Person:** Robert Cunningham

### 3 Paw KV Soil Productivity Restoration

**Proposal:** Within the boundry of the Paw Timber (harvested 1973), Lost Creek #3 and #4 (harvested Subsoiling will be to a depth of  $\leq 30$  inches within the bounds of the above-mentioned units. Work will be done with an excavator ( $\leq 44,000$  lbs for power and hydrolic capabilities) utilizing a subsoiling attachment. This subsoiling will treat legacy soil compaction currently in the unit; included will be the treatment of comapction created by treatment equipment. The legacy compaction is promoting localized erosion and inhibiting plant growth. Subsoiled areas will be revegetated with native plant and shrub species.



Sale area, the existing plantations Jack Pine #1 1966) have been identified for soil productivity needs.

**Location:** Paw timber sale area, Clearwater watershed.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Proposed action.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2003 -Decision memo

**Contact Person:** Jim Archuleta

### 5 Diamond Lake Restoration Project

**Proposal:** The USDA Forest Service, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for restoration of water quality and the recreational fishery at Diamond Lake on the Umpqua National Forest. Eradication or control of the existing tui chub population (an introduced minnow species) is considered essential for accomplishing restoration objectives. Proposed actions include: canal reconstruction, lake draw down, mechanical fish removal and utilization, a September rotenone (fish toxicant) treatment, fish carcass removal and utilization, water management during lake refilling, monitoring, fish restocking, educational activities, and contingency measures for controlling tui chub if they are reintroduced to Diamond Lake in the future.



**Location:** Diamond Lake is located approximately 61 miles east of Roseburg, Oregon and 11 miles north of Crater Lake.

**Public Input:** Early public involvement for this project began in September 2003 and included public forums, presentations to area interest groups, and meetings with actively interested publics. Formal scoping will begin with the publication of the NOI in April 2003.

**Status:** Awaiting publication of the NOI in the federal register.

**Project Decision Date:** April 2004

**Contact Person:** Sherri L. Chambers (541) 496-3532

## **Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter**

### **20 Long Term Soil Productivity Projects**

**Purpose and Need #1:** The purpose of the following proposed actions is to provide the opportunity to study and evaluate how changes in site organic matter and soil porosity affect fundamental site processes controlling forest health, productivity, and sustainability, as outlined in the National Long-term Soil Productivity Study (LTSP) Plan. The Upper Clearwater Watershed Analysis, page 127, recommended “The Long Term Soil Productivity Study should continue to be funded and implemented on the District in order to learn more about the effects of compaction on site productivity.”

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- Replace plots 3, 15, and 16;
- Increase plot buffer size to a minimum of 20 meters and recruit snags for wildlife;
- Maintain complete and continuous vegetation control until crown closure on half of each study plot;

**Purpose and Need #2:** The purpose of the following proposed actions are to provide the opportunity to study and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration techniques on detrimentally impacted soils, as defined in the Soil Organic Amendment Restoration Study (SOAR) Plan.

**Proposal:** The proposal includes the following activities:

- Implement and monitor the study treatments based on the study design;
- Subsoil for compaction, land apply a Class A biosolid and chipped slash for soil conditioning, and reforest the study plots with a mixture of Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine;

**Location:** T27S, R4E, Sections 3, 7, 9, 10.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions. **Status:** Alternative development.

**Projected Decision Date:** The project is being dropped due to lack of funding.

**Contact Person:** Jim Archuleta or Rick Abbott

### **Mechanical Noxious Weed Treatment**

**Proposal:** Mechanical treatment using chainsaws and weed-whackers is proposed for certain Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) and Meadow Knapweed (*Centaurea x patensis*) sites on the Diamond Lake Ranger District.

**Location:** Multiple locations across the Diamond Lake District.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Project will be dropped, as it was covered under a recent Decision Memo for noxious weeds.

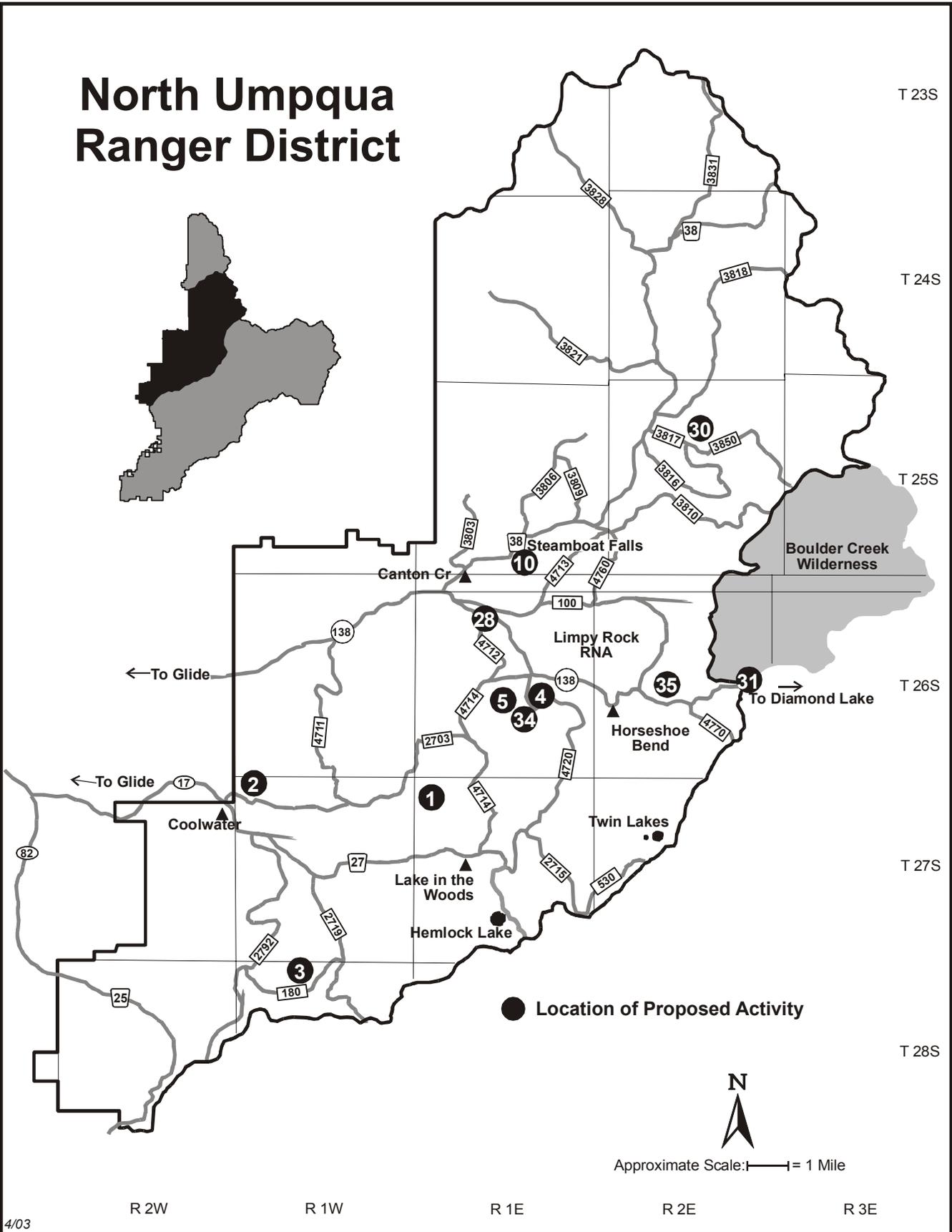
**Projected Decision Date:** March 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Clint Emerson

## **Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter**

None at this time.

# North Umpqua Ranger District



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# **NORTH UMPQUA RANGER DISTRICT**

## **Timber Stand Management Projects**

### **1 PJ Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing stand growth by thinning in order to increase resiliency from snowdown and blowdown; retaining late seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven aged management; and improving water quality through road restoration and decommissioning. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of 400 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 95 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Place large wood in the lower stretches of Pinnacle Creek and Junction Creek.
- Place large wood in the riparian areas of previously managed stands.
- Decommission approximately 8 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.

**Location:** The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Pinnacle and Junction Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01E.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the July 1998 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on this project.

**Status:** Analysis is proceeding and surveys are underway. Awaiting Biological Opinions from NMFS.

**Projected Decision Date:** The Environmental Assessment may be available for public comment in 2004 following completion of surveys in FY 2003.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine/Debbie Anderson

### **2 Mjollnir Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes thinning in stands prone to fire; enhancing young stands by thinning and pruning in order to promote tree growth and wood quality; and conducting watershed restoration activities such as road restoration and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions. The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management of approximately 235 acres of late seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning, thinning from below, and limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Thin and treat fuel accumulations on approximately 350 acres of previously unmanaged forest.
- Decommission and close 6.2 miles of existing road, and stormproof and close 6.0 miles of existing road.
- Stormproof the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Place large wood in ½ mile of Emile Creek and adjacent riparian plantations.

**Location:** The Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Lower Emile, Taft Creek, Little Taft Creek subdrainages, T26S, R02W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions. Input is still being accepted on project.

**Status:** Analysis is proceeding; project was submitted for consultation. Awaiting Biological Opinions from NMFS.

**Projected Decision Date:** The Environmental Assessment may be available for public comment in FY 2004 following completion of surveys in FY 2003.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine

### **3 Exodus Timber Sale and Project Area**

**Proposal:** This project would implement recommendations from the Little River Watershed Analysis. Specifically, this project proposes to: retain late-seral characteristics in older stands by using uneven-aged management; maintain at risk late-seral habitat by partially harvesting fire prone areas; accelerate development of late-seral habitat by thinning in second growth stands; and restore natural processes and features including reintroducing fire into the ecosystem, promoting pine health and general forest health, maintaining and enhancing unique habitats, and maintaining late

successional refugia and riparian connectivity. The proposal also includes conducting watershed restoration activities such as road improvement and decommissioning, instream wood placement, and noxious weed control in order to improve watershed conditions.

The proposal includes the following activities:

- Uneven-aged management on approximately 1,019 acres of late-seral forest. This action includes proportional thinning and thinning from below, and also limits the harvest of the largest tree size classes.
- Even-aged management on approximately 42 acres of late-seral forest.
- Thinning on approximately 241 acres of mid seral forest.
- Treating fuel accumulations and/or logging slash.
- Underburning on approximately 135 acres to reduce hazardous fuels.
- Decommissioning and closure of approximately 11.5 miles of existing road.
- Stormproofing the haul routes within and outside of the project area.
- Placing large wood both instream and within riparian areas of Upper Black Creek and/or Dutch Creek.

**Location:** This proposal is in the Little River Adaptive Management Area, specifically in the Upper Black Creek and Dutch Creek subdrainages, T27S, R01W.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1999 Schedule of Proposed Actions. The Notice of Intent was published on August 20, 2001 in the Federal Register. A public meeting was held at the Douglas County Library on October 24, 2001.

**Status:** Issues and Alternatives are being developed; consultation is being initiated.

**Projected Decision Date:** 2004 – Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson



#### **4 Baked Apple Fire Salvage Project**

**Proposal:** The proposed action for the Baked Apple Salvage combines timber salvage activity, with slash treatment, reforestation, haul related road work, construction or reconstruction of temporary spur roads and landings, use of rock pits, and other restoration related opportunities, such as snag falling, road improvement, and road decommissioning. All treatments are consistent with the 1990 Umpqua National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended by the 1994 Northwest Forest Plan.

The proposed action is based on the need to recover portions of the Panther Creek subwatershed burned by the 2002 Apple Fire. The timber salvage proposal is based on the need to recover some economic value of the burned wood in the intensely burned portion of the watershed before it decays, which will contribute wood products to the local economy and jobs to the county and state.

The project proposes to: salvage harvest approximately 1,226 acres of burned stands within the Panther Creek subwatershed that, before the fire, were late-seral or mid-seral forest, retaining between 6 and 12 trees per acre for shade, large wood, and snag habitat; reforest and protect seedlings on 1,095 acres that were salvaged; treat logging-created slash on 1,171 acres; complete haul related road work that includes commercial use of 55 miles of road, reconstruction (replacing plugged culverts and stabilizing slopes) of 2 sites along Forest Service Road 4714, construction (about 0.7 miles) and reconstruction (about 0.4 miles) of temporary spur roads, reconstruction or expansion of up to 36 landings, construction of about 3 new landings, and use of 2 existing rock pits to facilitate logging and log haul.

The acreage proposed for harvest is estimated to yield up to 50 million board feet of timber. The areas prescribed for harvest would utilize a combination of helicopter, skyline and ground-based harvesting equipment.

**Location:** The proposed treatment areas are located within the 2002 Apple Fire, specifically with the Panther Creek subwatershed in land designated as Matrix. The planning area includes all or portions of sections 9, 10, and 14 through 36, T26S, R1E; sections 19 and 30, T26S, R2E; and sections 2 through 5, and 9 through 11, T27S, R1E, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.

**Public Input:** The Notice of Intent to prepare and Environmental Impact Statement was published in the March 17, 2003 Federal Register. Additional scoping begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping input requested by April 21, 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** A Draft EIS is scheduled to be available for public comment in July of 2003. A decision is expected in October 2003 – Record of Decision.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

## Mining Projects

None at this time.

## Facilities – Repair and Development

### 28 Vault Toilet Replacement at Apple Creek Campground

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace three old 12A vault toilets with one new CXT concrete vault toilet at Apple Creek Campground. The work would be completed using heavy equipment. The old vaults would be removed and the vault pumped and filled in on site. A new CXT concrete vault would be placed between the campground road and Hwy. 138.

**Location:** Apple Creek Campground, T26S, R1E, Sec. 14.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Archaeological evaluations are being conducted.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Wayne Brady

## Special Use Permits

None at this time.

## Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects

### 30 Steamboat Creek Watershed Restoration Project

**Proposal:** The purpose and need for this project is to implement restoration projects that move the Steamboat Creek watershed toward the desired condition: placing large wood into approximately 16 miles of streams; improving riparian conditions by pulling or felling existing trees into the riparian corridor; and improving 86 miles of roads that are part of the inventoried road system, decommissioning 53 miles of roads that are part of the inventoried road system, decommissioning 10.5 miles of roads that are not part of the inventoried road system, and improving less than ½ mile of road that is not part of the inventoried road system and adding it to the inventoried road system. System roads are those that are part of the Forest Development Transportation Plan. This project will implement the Forest Service Road Management Policy.

**Location:** Steamboat Creek Watershed; includes portions of T23S-25S, and R01E-03E.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the April 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Developing Issues and Alternatives

**Projected Decision Date:** FY 2004.

**Contact Person:** Ray Davis

### 35 Dry Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction

**Proposal:** The purpose and need is to reduce  the fuels hazard around the Dry Creek community. This will be accomplished by creating a fuel break around residential lands in this community that are surrounded by National Forest System lands. The ultimate goal is to reduce the risk and intensity of a potential wildfire in the area and to create conditions that allow hand crews and engine crews to safely and effectively perform initial attack in the event of a wildfire, which will result in improved public and firefighter safety. The proposed activities would include thinning of small trees less than 7" dbh, pruning of trees greater than or equal to 7" dbh, and handpiling small diameter dead and down material (branches, brush, and slash) which is designed to reduce ground and ladder fuels within a 300-foot buffer around each of the five parcels which make up the community, for a total of 370 acres.

The preceding activities would be accomplished through a service contract followed by the Forest Service burning the handpiles through strict adherence to a prescribed burn plan.

**Location:** Dry Creek community, T26S, R2E, Sections 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Analysis is proceeding and surveys are underway.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003

**Contact Person:** Steve Mizikowski

## Stand Improvement Projects



### 5 Apple Seed Timber Stand Improvement Project

**Proposal:** The purpose of this project is to reduce future fire severity and impacts in young stands burned by the 2002 Apple Fire. The project would lessen fuels loads by treating fuels on about 70 acres where the trees are non-merchantable, lessen fuels by removing merchantable trees on approximately 47 acres of plantations and natural second-growth stands, plant and protect seedlings on all 117 acres that were treated, and construct about 0.25 miles of temporary spur roads that would provide access to two units during logging; these two temporary spur roads would be subsequently decommissioned after harvest.

The acreage proposed for harvest is estimated to yield about five hundred thousand board feet of timber. The areas proposed for commercial logging would utilize skyline or loader logging systems. No green trees are proposed for harvest, except those that would be felled for skyline logging, landing construction, temporary road construction, or worker safety.

**Location:** The proposed treatment areas are located within the 2002 Apple Fire, within all or portions of sections 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 34, and 35, T26S, R1E; sections 2 and 3, T27S, R1E, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.

**Public Input:** The scoping period begins with the mailing of the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Scoping input is requested by April 30, 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2003 - Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine

## Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter

None at this time.

## Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

### 10 Steamboat Falls Vault Toilet Replacements and Fence Replacement

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace old (and leaky) 12A vault toilets with CXT concrete vault toilets at the Steamboat Falls Campground. The work would be completed using heavy equipment. An additional area approximately 6 by 6 feet would be disturbed around each toilet during installation. A Decision Memo was signed on March 22, 2001 and April 26, 2001 for 5 other toilets. A metal fence that will replace the existing split rail fence to improve visitor safety has been added to the proposal.

**Location:** Steamboat Falls Campground.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the July 2000 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is ready to implement.

**Decision Date:** March 6, 2003 – Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Debbie Anderson

### 34 District Reforestation Project

**Proposal:** The propose and need of this project is to implement reforestation projects on the North Umpqua Ranger District. The project will take place within the vicinity of the Apple Fire and in the Little River AMA. Planting sites

occur within all land allocations. The project is needed to reestablish native vegetation on previously planted sites that were burned by fires during the summer of 2002. Approximately 750 to 800 acres are planned for reforestation, which may occur over several planting season.

**Location:** Limpy Creek, Bachelor Creek and the Fairy Creek areas that were affected by the Apple Fire and Black Creek.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is ready to implement.

**Decision Date:** February 11, 2003 - Decision Memo.

**Contact Person:** Jim Kaineg

### **31 Boulder Flat Campground Modifications for Whitewater Rafting**

**Proposal:** The project would modify portions of the Boulder Flat Campground to improve recreation opportunities and safety for whitewater rafters and to lessen conflicts between boaters and campers within the campground. Modifications would include improving the launch site, creating changing rooms, turning existing campsites into parking or staging areas, and installing signs for educating users. The area is located within the riparian reserve and 100 year floodplain of the North Umpqua Highway.

**Location:** Boulder Flat Campground; T26S, R02E, Sec. 13.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The appeal period closed on March 21, 2003. No appeals were received. The project will be implemented after all permits are received.

**Decision Date:** February 3, 2003.

**Contact Person:** Barbara Fontaine

### **North Umpqua and Steamboat Creek Campground Improvements**

**Proposal:** The proposal is to replace and/or enhance facilities at five heavily used campgrounds within the North Umpqua River and Steamboat Creek corridors. The project would improve the recreation facilities by repairing and replacing 30-year old, failing components of the campground infrastructure. Components of the project include replacing and repairing tables, vehicle barriers, leveling tent pads, waste water collection basins, camping spurs, walking trails and walkways, garbage can pads, solar panels, diversion ditches and other miscellaneous structures within the campgrounds.

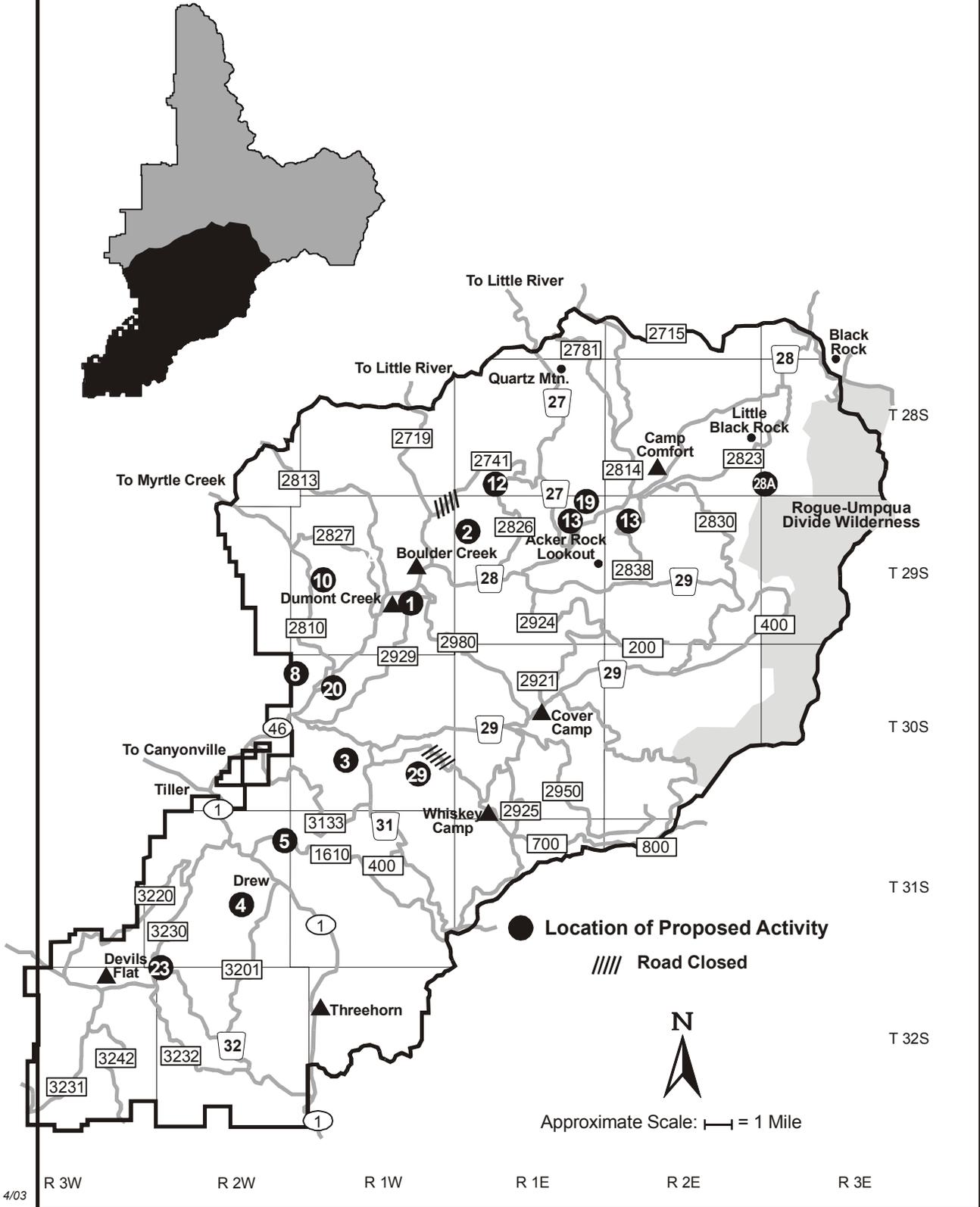
**Location:** Horseshoe Bend, Apple Creek, Island, Steamboat Falls, and Boulder Flat Campgrounds.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2001 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** The project is being implemented.

**Contact Person:** Jerry Harryman

# Tiller Ranger District



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# TILLER RANGER DISTRICT

## Range

### 4 Range Permit Reissuance

**Proposed Action:** Reissue term grazing permits reducing allowable cow/calf pairs from 670 to 216 on the three grazing allotments of Drew Creek, Diamond Rock, and Divide.

**Location:** These allotments on south end of the District.

**Public Input:** Scoping began August 1996.

**Status:** Public comment period ended July 2001 indicated a need to develop a new alternative. New alternative development in progress.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003

**Contact Person:** Wes Yamamoto

## Restoration



### 2 Boulder Instream Restoration

**Proposed Action:** Restore instream large wood to 12 miles of Boulder Creek and its tributaries for fish habitat. Wood for the project will come from trees burned in the Tiller Complex in 2002.

**Location:** T. 29S, R. 1W, Sec 1, 12, 13, 27, 35, and 36 and T. 29S, R. 1E, Sec 29, 30 and 31.

**Public Input:** Scoping began March 2003.

**Status:** Scoping is in progress. The EA is scheduled to be available for public comment May 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2003

**Contact Person:** Bob Nichols

## Vegetation Management

### 5 Summit Timber Sale

**Proposed Action:** Commercial thin 823 acres utilizing group selection, thinning around large pines to maintain their health, and salvage treatments on Matrix land allocations. Fuels created by the treatments will be hand piled or the area underburned. In addition, prescribed burning is proposed for 112 acres of Matrix and Riparian Reserve land allocations on dry meadows and oak woodlands to maintain habitat diversity.

Under this proposal there would be 0.85 miles of road construction, 0.70 miles of reconstruction, 32.02 miles of road upgrades, 8.89 miles of road inactivation, and 2.85 miles of road obliteration.

**Location:** T.30S, R.2W; T.31S, R.2W; and T.31S, R.1W.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Consultation complete. Project requires more red tree vole surveys. Property boundary surveys will be completely redone in 2002-2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** Pending Rothstein II decision & NEPA rework.

**Contact Person:** Alan Baumann

### 8 Spam Timber Sale

**Proposed Action:** Harvest timber on 312 acres in the Spam Planning Area using partial cutting methods to meet ecological and pine health objectives. Fuels created by the treatments would be hand piled or the area underburned. In addition, prescribed burning would occur on approximately 20 acres of an oak woodland/meadow complex to maintain habitat diversity. Other associated activities would include the expansion of an existing rock quarry, reconstruction/upgrade of 20.43 miles of system roads, 0.73 miles of road inactivation, and 2.07 miles of road obliteration.

These activities would occur on Matrix land, with no vegetation manipulation in Riparian Reserves.

**Location:** T29S and T30S, R1W and R2W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with the mailing of the October 1997 Schedule of Proposed Action.

**Status:** NEPA package is being reworked. Work has been delayed due to Tiller Complex fires. Proposed Action remains the same.

**Projected Decision Date:** Pending Rothstein II decision.

**Contact Person:** Alan Baumann



### **12 Ash Creek Fire Salvage EIS**

**Proposed Action:** Recover value and volume from trees killed on Matrix lands and to reforest as quickly as possible those areas where stand replacement fires had occurred.

**Location:** T.28S, R.1E, Sec 27-29, 32-34; T.29S, R.1E, Sec 3-8, 17, 18.

**Public Input:** Scoping began with public meetings in December.

**Status:** Scoping in progress. Notice of Intent filed March 2003. Draft EIS document scheduled to be available for public comment June 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** October 2003

**Contact Person:** Alan Baumann



### **13 Acker Fire Salvage EIS**

**Proposed Action:** Recover value and volume from trees killed on Matrix lands and to reforest as quickly as possible those areas where stand replacement fires had occurred.

**Location:** T.29S, R.1E, Sec 1-3,10-15, 22, 24; T.29S, R.2E, Sec 5-10, 14-19, 21.

**Public Input:** Scoping to begin in May 2003.

**Status:** Notice of Intent to be filed May 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** December 2003

**Contact Person:** Alan Baumann

## **Bridge Repair**

### **19 Quartz Creek Bridge Repair**

**Proposed Action:** Repair a bridge approach road fill being washed out by high water.

**Location:** T29S, R1E, Sec. 1.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Preparing Environmental Assessment; need new engineering design due to emergency repairs made during fires in 2002.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003

**Contact Person:** Dean Kenyon

## **Water Transmission Lines**

### **20 Freeman Water Transmission Line**

**Proposed Action:** Evaluation of an application by a private landowner to transport water from National Forest System lands to private property.

**Location:** T30S, R1W, Sec. 4.

**Public Input:** Scoping began October 1999.

**Status:** Scoping.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003.

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

## **Recreation**

### **1 Dumont Creek Campground**

**Proposal:** Mitigate tree hazards associated with the presence of laminated root disease (*Phellinus weirrii*) in Dumont Creek Campground, an Administrative Site within Riparian Reserve. Proposed treatment includes felling of susceptible host trees (Douglas-fir and white fir) within the two disease pockets, plus a 50-foot buffer around each disease pocket. Other disease resistant conifers and hardwoods will be left. After treatment, proposed site

rehabilitation and renovation activities include log moving, redesign of parking areas and family units, toilet replacement, and planting of disease resistant species.

**Location:** T29S, R1W, section 22.

**Public Input:** Scoping began in March 2002.

**Status:** Scoping

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003.

**Contact Person:** Lori Depew

### **28A Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness Trail Access Reconstruction**

**Proposal:** The proposal involves bringing ten trailheads up to standard by adding primitive toilets, information board/registration boxes, new trail signs, picnic tables, and horse facilities, such as hitching posts or high lines, as well as defining and improving parking and turnarounds for horse trailers. Trail segments from these trailheads leading into the wilderness will also be brought up to standard to eliminate erosion and resource damage.

**Location:** T. 28, 29, 30S, R. 2, 3, 4E

**Public Input:** Scoping began July 2001.

**Status:** Project Analysis.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003.

**Contact Person:** Lori Depew

## **Mining**

### **23 Red Hill Mine**

**Proposed Action:** Evaluation of the Plan of Operations submitted by the claimant for Red Hill Mine.

**Location:** T. 32S, R. 2W.

**Public Input:** Scoping began March 1998.

**Status:** Finalizing the E.A.

**Projected Decision Date:** September 2003

**Contact Person:** Russ Groves

## **Prescribed Burning**

### **29 North Beaver Prescribed Burn Plan**

**Proposed Action:** Reintroduce fire by prescribed underburning of approximately 200-300 acres. This would decrease fuel loading and kill understory trees and brush that would normally be killed and/or burned during naturally occurring wildfires. Some individual areas proposed for treatment have high fuel loading and ladder fuels such that pretreatment by manual slashing, handpiling, and burning is necessary to prevent the underburns from being excessively hot and destructive. The underburning will kill some standing green trees, a result consistent with natural fire processes. In some areas of heavy reproduction, this may necessitate another pile and burn treatment to further reduce fuel loading.

**Location:** T30S and T31S, R1W and R1E, within the Beaver Creek drainage North of Beaver Creek.

**Public Input:** Scoping began August 1997.

**Status:** Final surveys for red tree voles needed. In process to complete E.A.

**Projected Decision Date:** June 2003

**Contact Person:** Kathy Minor or Emily Sands.

## **Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter**

None at this time.

## Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

### 3 Pickett Butte Lookout View Administration Site Maintenance

**Proposed Action:** Remove all trees from the original cleared area for the lookout that have ingrown, blocking the view for fire administration.

**Location:** T30S, R1W, Sec. 29.

**Public Input:** The scoping period began with the mailing of the October 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

**Status:** Implementation scheduled for July 2003.

**Projected Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed March 6, 2003.

**Contact Person:** Emily Sands

### 10 2002-2012 Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

**Proposed Action:** A long-term program of work to improve the health and sustainability of young stands. Proposed treatments will include early stand thinning, vegetation competition release, and pruning. These TSI treatments would occur on approximately 9,000 acres of 10 to 18 year old stands over a 10-year period. Treatments will be scheduled as optimum conditions are reached in terms of tree size and stand density.

**Location:** Throughout the South Umpqua River watershed on Late-Successional Reserves, Riparian Reserves, and Matrix land allocations.

**Public Input:** Scoping is complete.

**Status:** Project is ready for implementation, 2003-2012.

**Decision Date:** Decision Memo signed February 26, 2003.

**Contact Person:** Pauline Montgomery-Borg

## RELEASE OF NAMES – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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