UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST REVIEW

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

JULY 2003

The Schedule of Proposed Actions inside these pages covers 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.

Sincerely,

James A. Caplan
Forest Supervisor

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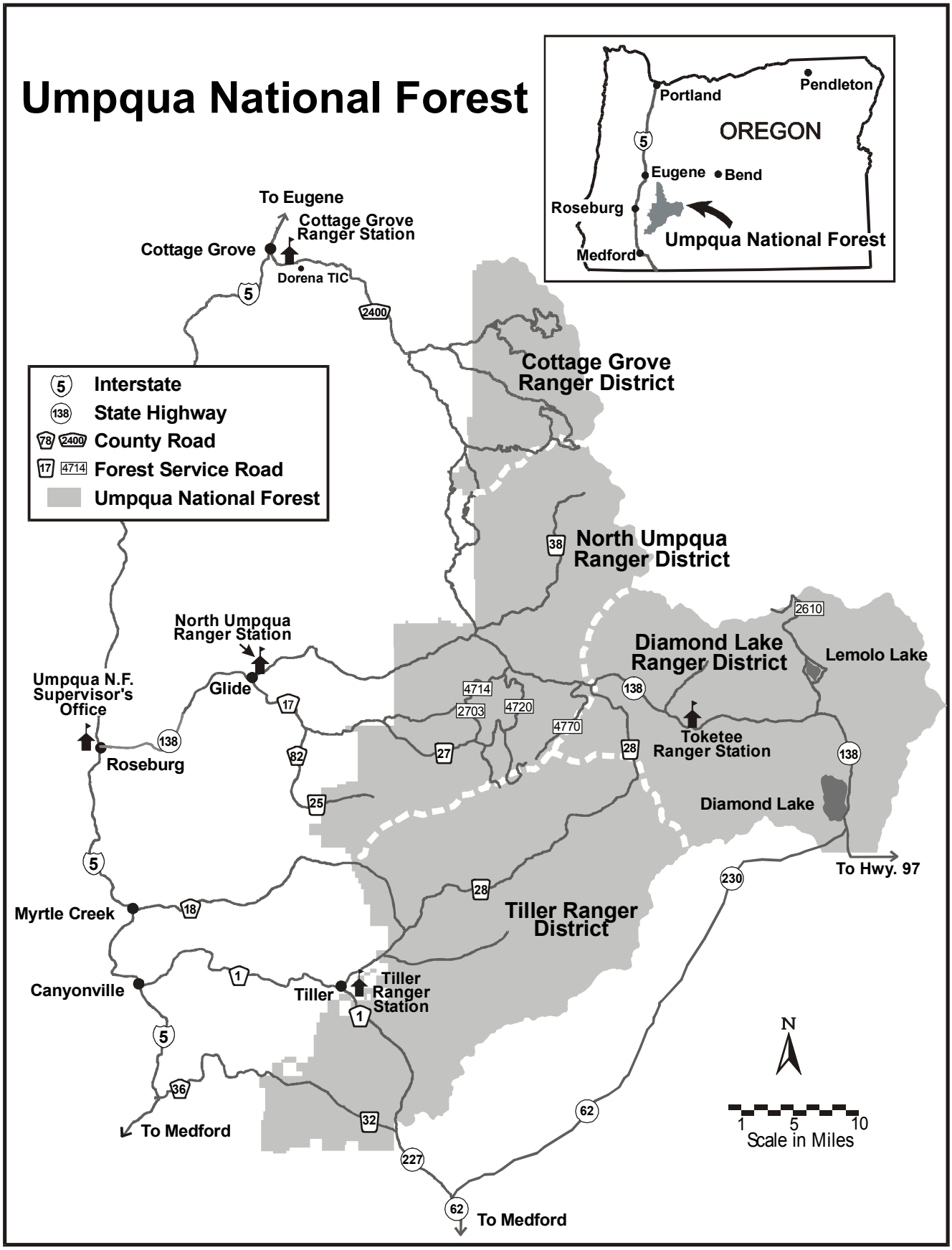
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Forest Plan Amendment – Minerals Standards and Guidelines

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

Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter

North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC-1927-008)

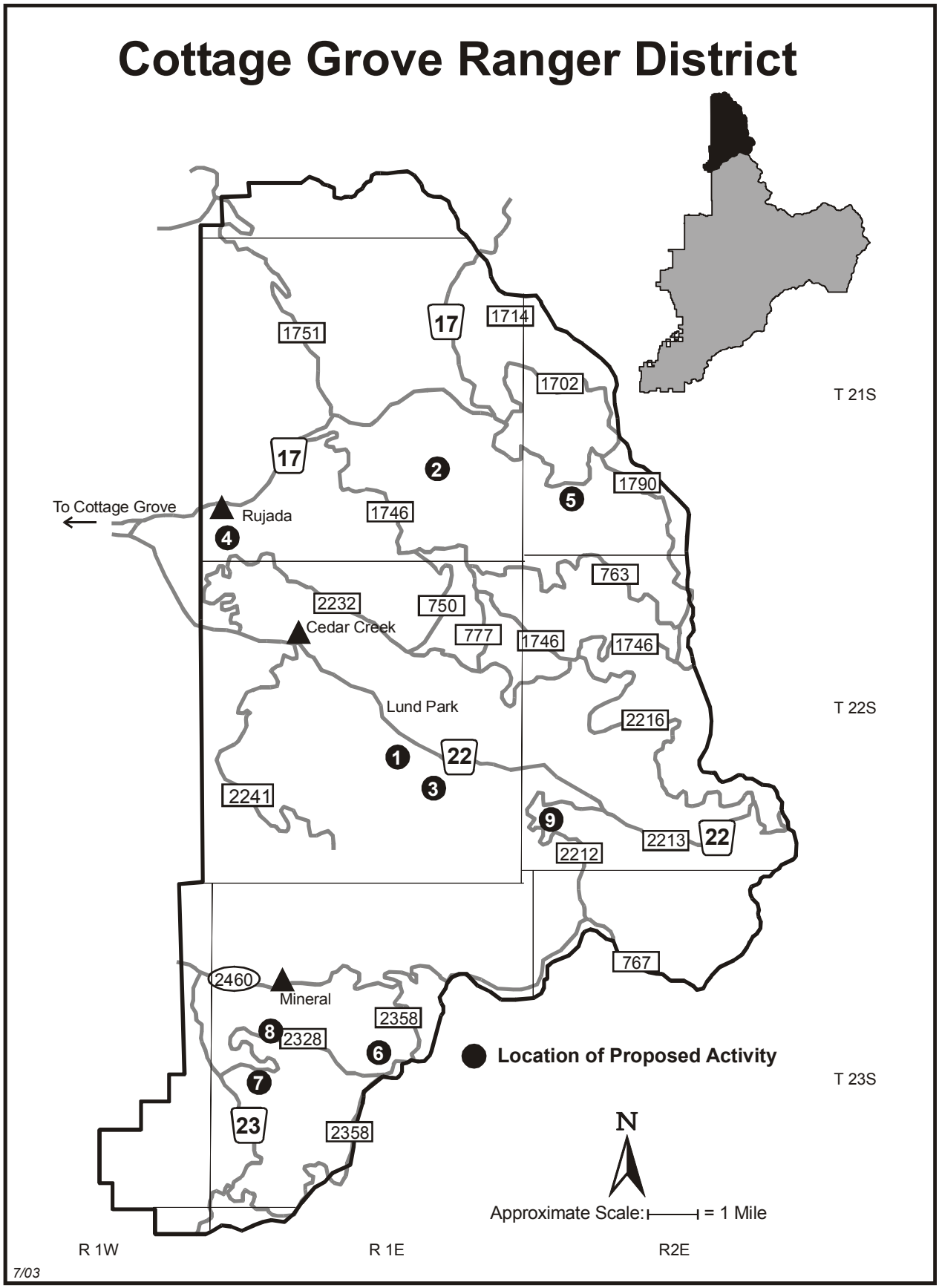
Proposal: In the headwaters of the North Umpqua River, located on the Umpqua National Forest, is the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project, FERC 1927-008 (Project). The Project was constructed between 1947 and 1956 under the terms of a 50-year license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). 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.
Location: North Umpqua River basin in southwest Oregon, approximately 60 miles east of the city of Roseburg.
Status: A request for public comments was noticed to the SOPA mailing list and a public notice in the newspaper of record on May 14, 2003, as the Forest Service developed the final terms and conditions from the draft terms and conditions for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project. A new Forest Service national policy identifies that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is the appropriate federal agency to complete the NEPA analysis for hydroelectric projects as FERC is the agency responsible for issuing the license order. This new policy decision is effective immediately and directs the Regional Foresters to file final terms and conditions without a separate NEPA decision.
Contact Person: Pam Sichting (541) 957-3342

Projects with Decision Made During the Previous Quarter

Forest-wide Integrated Noxious Weed Management Project

Proposal: This project 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 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. Criteria for treating new sites were developed to control future weed infestations. This project resulted in a non-significant 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: No comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.
Status: Project is being implemented.
Decision Date: June 23rd, 2003, Decision Notice.

Contact Person: Debbie Anderson/Richard Helliwell



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Timber Stand Management Projects

1 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.

2 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: Project analysis documentation is currently in the 30-day public review period prior to a decision. The public comment period ends on July 8, 2003.
Projected Decision Date: July 2003.
Contact Person: Paul Higgins (541) 767-5043

Watershed Restoration and Improvement Projects

3 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.
Public Input: Scoping began in October 2001.
Status: The 30-day public comment period prior to a decision has concluded. Response to the comments is complete.
Project Decision Date: July 2003.
Contact Person: Melissa Kirkland (541) 767-5045.

Facilities – Repair and Development

4 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: The project proposal is being revised to limit the scope of the activities proposed. A new project proposal will be included with the next Schedule of Proposed Actions in October 2003.
Projected Decision Date: March 2004.
Contact Person: Cindy Pack (541) 767-5015.

5 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

6 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 was been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: The 30-day public comment period prior to a decision has concluded. Response to comments is complete.
Projected Decision Date: July 2003.
Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

7 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 was been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.

Status: Environmental analysis documentation is currently available for public comment prior to a decision. The public comment period will end at the end of July 2003.
Projected Decision Date: August 2003.
Contact Person: Ken Kimberling (541) 767-5010

8 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 was been re-initiated through the publishing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: The 30-day public comment period prior to a decision has concluded. Response to comments is complete.
Projected Decision Date: July 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

9 Northnoon Timber Sale

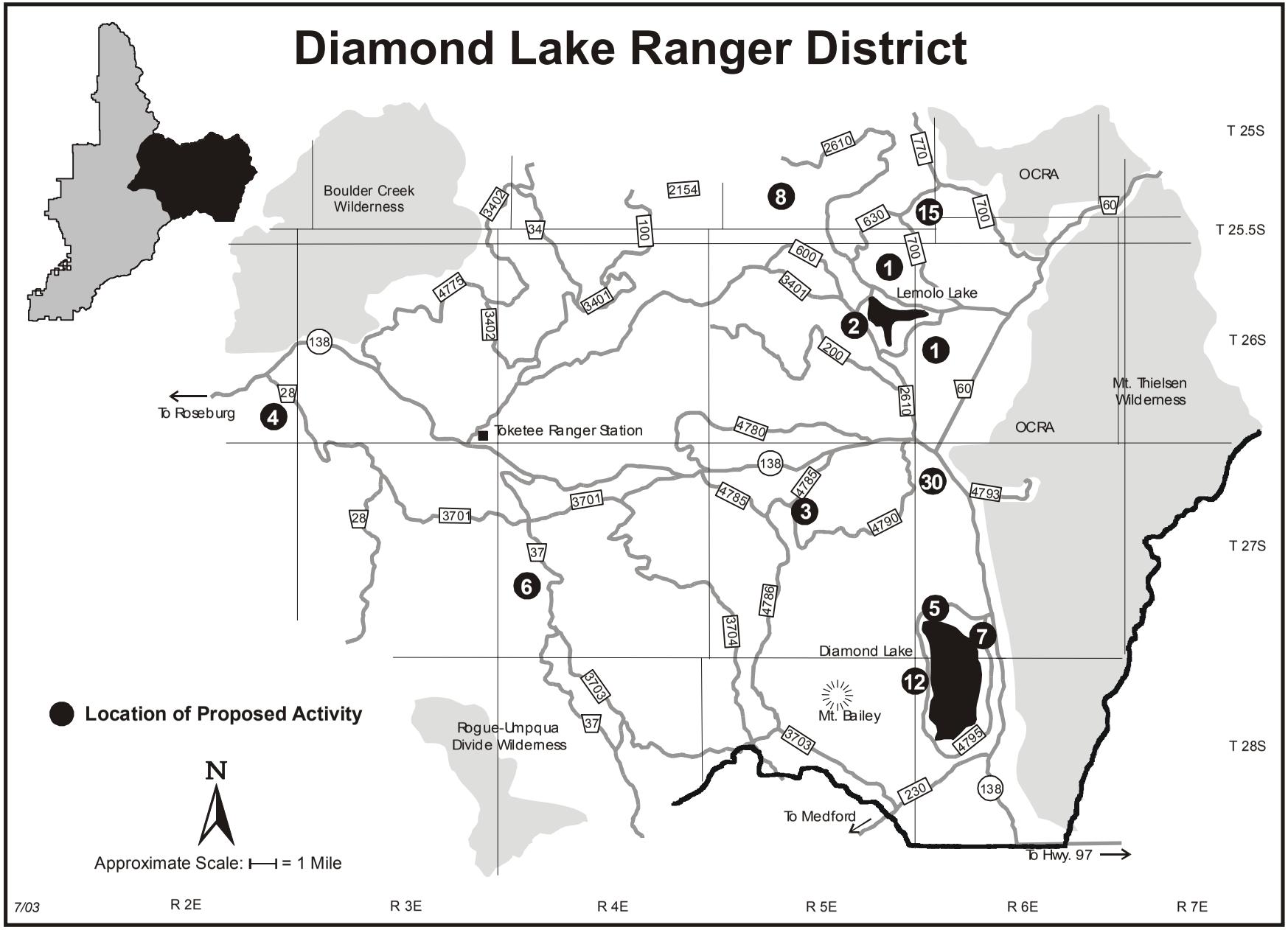
Proposal: The proposed action is to harvest timber on approximately 163 acres of National Forest Lands on the Cottage Grove Ranger District and to implement road restoration. The area is matrix designation and is located within the Brice Creek Drainage. The proposal is to partially harvest transitional-aged 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 public comment period has concluded and the response to comments completed.
Decision Date: May 20, 2003.
Contact Person: Terry Fairbanks (541) 767-5040.

Diamond Lake Ranger District



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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. The first draft EIS was published and went through a 45-day comment period in November of 2001. Another open house was held on April 24, 2002 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 July 2003.
Projected Decision Date: September 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 9th, 2001 and a field trip was held on June 9th 2001.
Status: Alternative Development.
Projected Decision Date: 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: The project is designed to improve safety and recreation access at Warm Springs Falls. The proposed action has four parts:

- Construction of a parking area and trailhead.
- Reconstruction of the trail tread to 36" wide, with accessibility features.
- Re-routing and construction of 300' of new trail to avoid steep grades.
- Construction of a viewing platform at the trail's end for safety.

Construction of the project would take place in 2004 by contract and force account.
Location: T.25S, R5E, Section 32
Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2002 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping
Projected Decision Date: 2003 – Decision memo (CE)
Contact Person: Pat Williams – *ID Team Leader / Planner*, Mike Kinney – *Road and Trail Manager*

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 began with mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping.
Projected Decision Date: 2003 – Decision Notice
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 began with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping.
Projected Decision Date: 2004 – Decision Notice
Contact Person: Steve Nelson

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) - SUP Permit Renewal- Diamond Lake Cabin

Proposal: The project proposal is to allow for the continued use of a cabin and out buildings by ODF&W at Diamond Lake. The current permit authorizes the use of 3.02 acres of National Forest Land to operate and maintain a cabin, 4 out buildings and weir at Diamond Lake. The new permit would be for the continued use of 1.6 acres of National Forest Land to operate and maintain the cabin and out buildings. The other improvements (weir) will be a separate analysis process. The cabin and associated buildings are used seasonally to house ODF&W employees working on various projects and activities in the area. 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: T27S, R6E, section 30
Public Input: The scoping period begins with the mailing of this Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping.
Projected Decision Date: 2003 – Decision Memo
Contact Person: John Wallig

Toilet Replacement- Toketee Lake

Proposal: The proposed project is to replace five single vault toilets at Toketee Campground and boat ramp with two double and a single vault toilet. The existing toilets are old, in poor condition and do not meet current standards for design (SST) or accessibility. The new toilets would meet current design features for reduced operation and maintenance costs, sweet smell technology (SST), and meet ADA accessibility standards. Proposed construction date is 2004.
Location: T26S, R3E, sec. 25
Public Input: The scoping period begins with mailing of this Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping
Projected Decision Date: 2004 – Decision Memo
Contact Person: John Wallig

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 are being performed.
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: 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: 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 began with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping.
Projected Decision Date: 2003, Decision Memo
Contact Person: Jeff Bohler

Diamond Lake Ranger District Pre-Commercial Thinning

Proposal: This project will precommercially 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: District wide.
Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the January 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions**.**

Status: Proposed action.
Projected Decision Date: 2003 – Decision Memo.
Contact Person: Randy Menke

Collection of Wood for Instream Fisheries Habitat

Proposal: Collect, haul, and deck downed, roadside wood of suitable length, diameter and soundness for future instream use in creating and restoring fish habitat. Wood placement would occur in Copeland Creek, and Fish Creek and its tributaries. This proposal is for collection, hauling and decking of wood only, not for instream placement.
Location: Multiple locations on the Diamond Lake Ranger District.
Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Proposed action.
Projected Decision Date: 2003, Decision Memo
Contact Person: Craig Street

Diamond Lake Hazardous Fuels Phase II

Proposal: This project will continue the ongoing effort to manage fuels in the Diamond Lake Recreation Area. This project will be around Diamond Lake proper, with emphasis in areas that were not covered by Diamond Lake Phase I NEPA. Tasks to be accomplished include; handpiling of residue concentrations, chipping of fuels, and some prescribed burning. It is estimated that the project will encompass approximately 1500 acres
Location: Multiple locations within the Diamond Lake Recreation Area.
Public Input: The scoping period began with the mailing of the April 2003 Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Proposed Action
Projected Decision Date: 2004, Decision Memo
Contact Person: Robert Cunningham

3 Paw KV Soil Productivity Restoration

Proposal: Within the boundry of the Paw Timber Sale area, the existing plantations Jack Pine #1 (harvested 1973), Lost Creek #3 and #4 (harvested 1966) have been identified for soil productivity needs. 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.
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

PacifiCorp Protection, Mitigation & Enhancement Projects

Proposal: PacifiCorp is undertaking several protection, mitigation, and enhancement projects identified in the 6/13/01 Settlement Agreement for Relicensing of the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1927. The projects this year are proposed under the Early Implementation program and other schedules. This group of projects includes:

- High-priority Erosion Control sites (FC-6, LM2-11, 26, 28)
- Wildlife Bridge Expansions – 26 bridges
- Lemolo Gauging site
- Tributary Reconnections – 4 sites

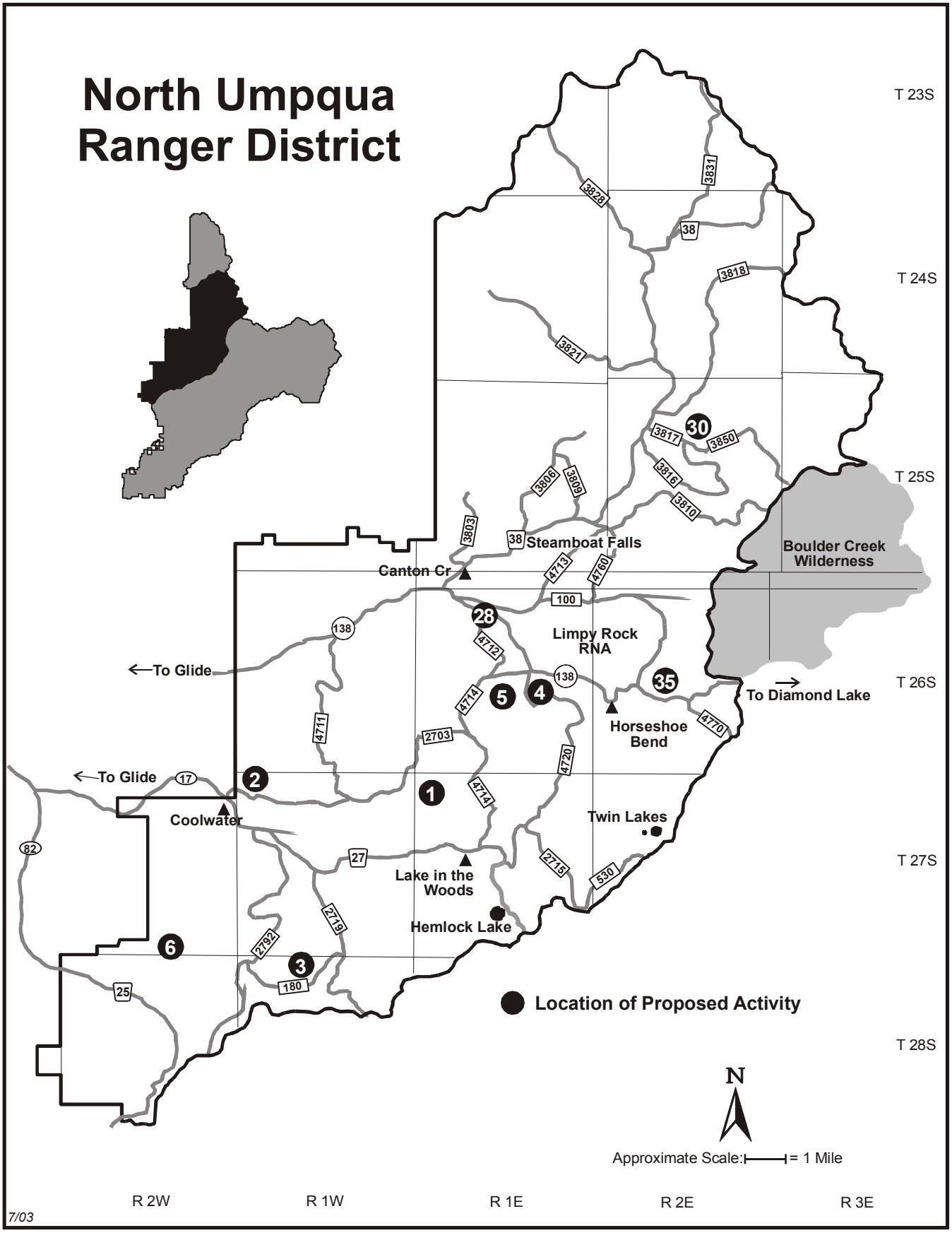
Location: Multiple sites throughout the Hydropower Project Boundary.
Public Input: Scoping begins with the mailing of this Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Scoping.
Projected Decision Date: July 2003, Decision memos **Contacts:** Steve Nelson, John Wallig

Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter

None at this time.

Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

None at this



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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.
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.
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 have being developed; analysis is proceeding.
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 began with the mailing of the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Alternatives have been developed; analysis is proceeding..
Projected Decision Date: A Draft EIS is scheduled to be available for public comment in August of 2003. A decision is expected in FY 2004 – 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

6 Red Butte Communications Building

Proposal: The purpose of this project is to replace the two old communication buildings with a new one. An old septic tank will be decommissioned. A new tower will be erected to improve communications in the county for multiple users. About 200 feet of road will be improved and a gate will be installed at the bottom of the road.
Location: Red Butte at T28S, R2W, SEC 1.
Public Input: The scoping period begins with the July 2003 mailing of Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: Surveys will begin shortly along with the writing of NEPA documents.
Projected Decision Date: September 2003
Contact Person: Ron Maertz

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 began 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

None at this time.

Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter

None at this time.

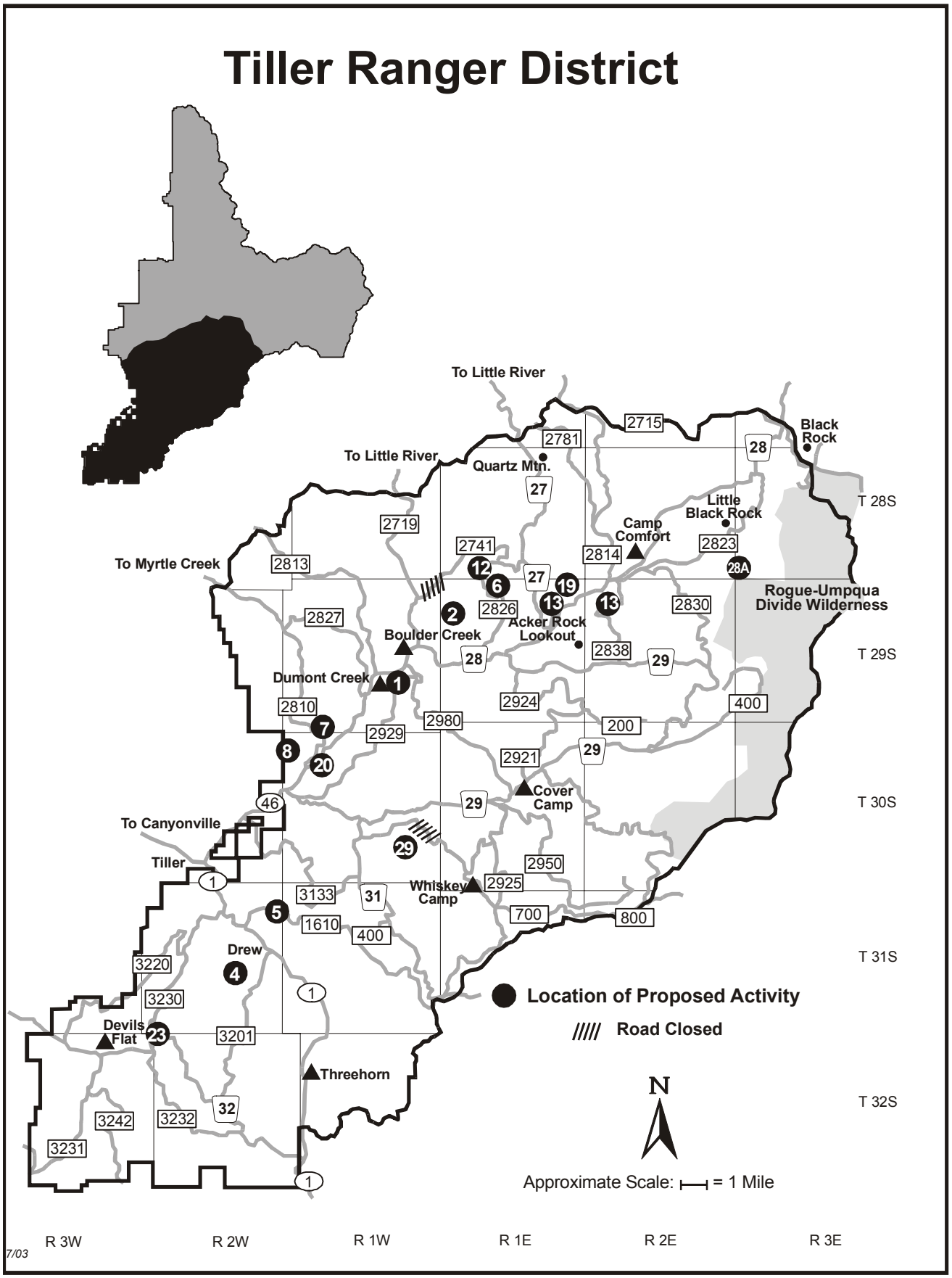
Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

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 began with the mailing of the April 2003 Umpqua National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions.
Status: The project is ready to implement.
Decision Date: June 24, 2003 - Decision Memo.
Contact Person: Barbara Fontaine

Tiller Ranger District



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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 are on the south end of the District.
Public Input: Scoping began August 1996.
Status: New alternative submitted; specialists re-evaluation of alternative and consequences.
Projected Decision Date: September 2003
Contact Person: Wes Yamamoto

Restoration

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 July 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 June 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: Need new engineering design due to emergency repairs made during fires in 2002.
Projected Decision Date: Project on hold until new engineering design is complete.
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: Project put on hold until more information is received from private landowner.
Projected Decision Date: Unknown.
Contact Person: Dean Kenyon

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: On hold until more information is received from the claimant.
Projected Decision Date: Unknown.
Contact Person: Dean Kenyon

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: EA is being finalized.
Projected Decision Date: July 2003
Contact Person: Emily Sands.

Fuels Management

6 Ash Valley Defensible Space

Proposed Action: To create a defensible space for firefighter safety and a shaded fuel break around the Ash Valley residences along the boundary between Forest Service and private properties. This is to be achieved by selectively removing underbrush and conifers under 6 inches DBH (diameter at breast height), prune up 6 feet larger conifer limbs to remove ladder fuels, and handpile and burn created slash. Total area: 100 acres.
Location: Ash Creek subwatershed of the Middle South Umpqua watershed. T. 29S, R. 1E, Sections 4, 8, and 9.
Public Input: Scoping began May 2003.
Status: Utilizing new Categorical Exclusion for fire management activities (published 5 June 2003).
Projected Decision Date: Decision Memo July 2003
Contact Person: Rob Marshall

7 Lancaster Defensible Space

Proposed Action: To create a defensible space for firefighter safety and a shaded fuel break around the

Ash Valley residences along the boundary between Forest Service and private properties. This is to be achieved by selectively removing underbrush and conifers under 6 inches DBH (diameter at breast height), prune up 6 feet larger conifer limbs to remove ladder fuels, and handpile and burn created slash. Total area: 30 acres.
Location: Shadow Creek subwatershed of the Deadman/Francis watershed. T. 29S, R. 1W, Sections 32 and T. 30S, R. 1W, Section 5.
Public Input: Scoping began May 2003.
Status: Utilizing new Categorical Exclusion for fire management activities (published 5 June 2003).
Projected Decision Date: Decision Memo July 2003
Contact Person: Rob Marshall

Projects Dropped From Consideration from the Previous Quarter

None at this time.

Projects with Decisions Made During the Previous Quarter

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: This project was changed to a Categorical Exclusion following public scoping. Implementation in October of 2003.
Decision Date: June 2003
Contact Person: Bob Nichols

RELEASE OF NAMES – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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