



UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST REVIEW

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

OCTOBER 2010

Within this Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), you'll find information that 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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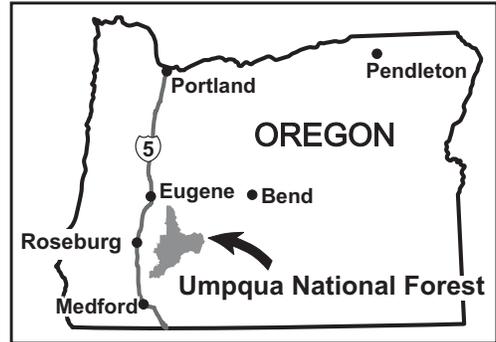
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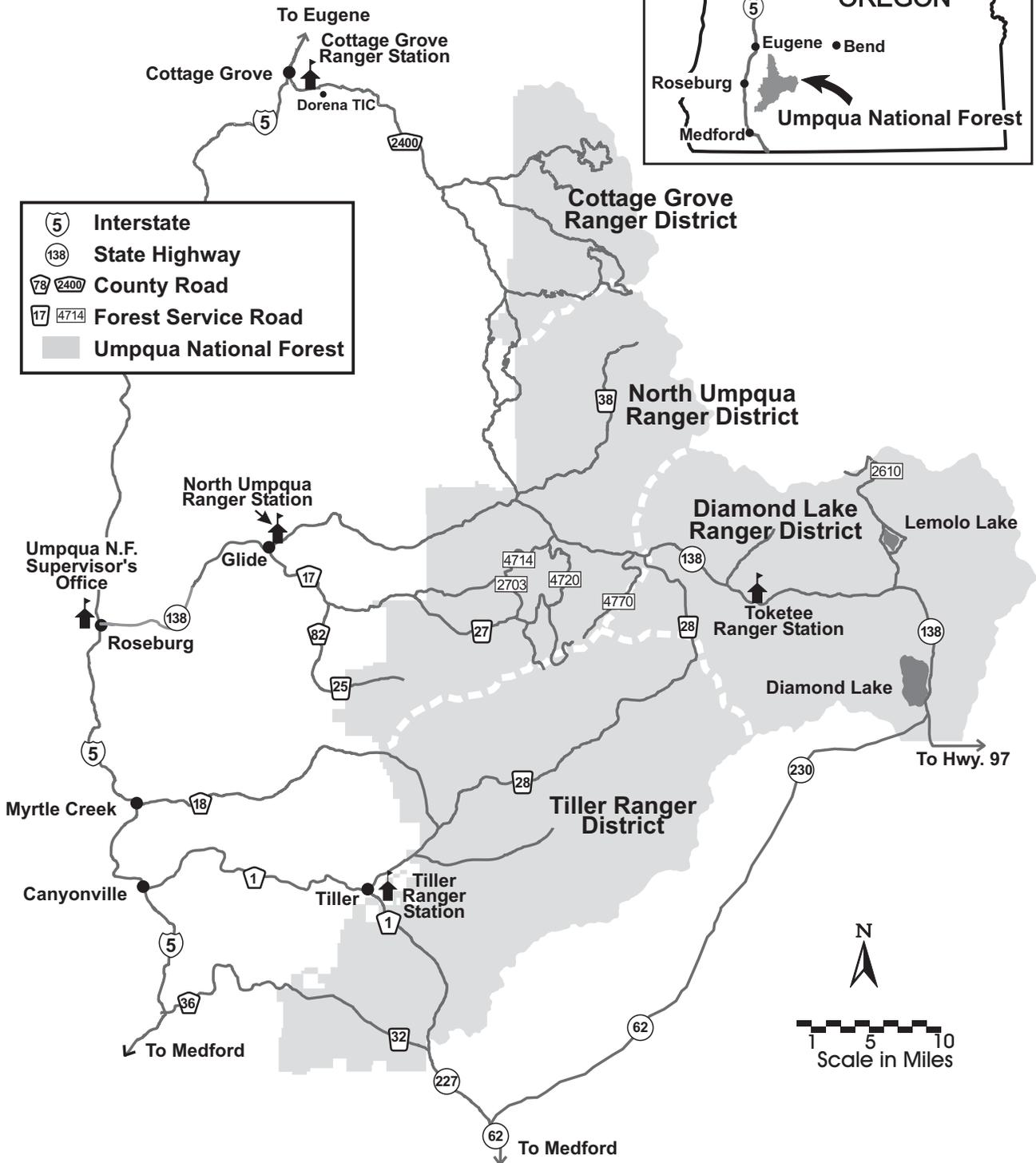
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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2010 to 12/31/2010

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

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| Land Management Planning Rule EIS | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 12/18/2009 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2010 | Expected:11/2011 | 12/2011 | Larry Hayden 202-205-1559 lhayden@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Department of Agriculture proposes to promulgate a new planning rule, which will set out the process for development, revision, and amendment of National Forest System land management plans. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Agency-wide Rule. | | | | |
| Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Lands. EIS *NEW LISTING* | - Regulations, Directives, Orders | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/27/2010 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2011 | Expected:12/2011 | 01/2012 | Glen Stein 208-869-5405 gstein@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Forest Service will prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement for the continued nationwide aerial application of fire retardant on National Forest System lands. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/retardant/index.html | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nationwide. | | | | |

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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| Forest Plan Amendments for the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline EIS | - Land management planning | In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 06/15/2009 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2010 | Expected:06/2011 | 07/2011 | Pam Sighting 541-957-3342 psighting@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Forest Service is proposing to amend the Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMP) for the Umpqua, Rogue River and Winema National Forests for the proposed Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=28132 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District, Klamath Ranger District, High Cascades Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson, Klamath. Umpqua NF, Rogue River NF, and Winema NF. | | | | | |

| Umpqua National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) | | | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | |
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| Forest-wide Danger Tree Removal EA | - Road management | In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/03/2010 | Expected:05/2011 | 06/2011 | Steven Nelson 541-957-3372 srnelson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project proposes to fell danger trees along maintenance level 2-5 roads across the Forest. In Matrix lands, the felled trees may be decked and sold. In LSR's or Riparian Reserves, the trees may be left on site or used for instream restoration. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=27945 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Umpqua National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson, Lane. LEGAL - Forest Wide. Forest Wide. | | | | | |
| Special Forest Products CE | - Forest products | Cancelled | N/A | N/A | Robert Cox 541-767-5042 rdcox@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The project would determine which commercial special forest products may be gathered, where they may be gathered, and how much may be collected on the Umpqua National Forest. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32851 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Umpqua National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson, Lane. Umpqua National Forest, all districts. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) | | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | |
| Umpqua National Forest Travel Management Plan EA | - Road management | In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/15/2010 | Expected:11/2010 | 12/2010 | Scott Elefritz 541-957-3437 selefritz@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The Umpqua National Forest is preparing a Travel Management Plan in accordance with the Final Travel Management Rule, designating routes and areas for motorized use. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua/projects/ | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Umpqua National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson, Lane. LEGAL - Forest-wide. Umpqua National Forest. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide) | | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | |
| North Umpqua Zone Precommercial Thinning/Fuels Treatment 2010 CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/22/2010 | Expected:10/2010 | 05/2011 | Richard Abbott 541-498-2531 rabbott@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Precommercial thinning and associated fuels treatment, where needed, on approximately 10,000 acres within clearcut managed stands harvested after 1988, located in matrix and LSR land allocations. Variable density/species will be prescribed. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=31199 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District, Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Lane. Throughout the Diamond Lake and North Umpqua Ranger Districts. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Cottage Grove Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | |
| Abandoned Mine Closures 2010 CE | - Minerals and Geology | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2010 | Expected:11/2010 | 06/2011 | Patrick Williams (541) 767-5010 pswilliams@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The project involves closures of abandoned mine adits and shafts using gates, rocks, and foam plugs. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32854 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T22S, R1E & R2E and T23S, R1E & R2E. Mine adits and shafts are within the Sharps Creek and Brice Creek drainages on the Cottage Grove Ranger District. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Cottage Grove Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | | |
| Fairview Trail Bridge CE | - Recreation management | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2010 | Expected:11/2010 | 01/2011 | Melissa Swain 541-767-5015 mbswain@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Replace a rotting foot bridge on Fairview Trail. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32700 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T23S, R1E, Sec 8. Near Fairview Creek on Hardscrabble Road in the Sharps Creek drainage. | | | | | |
| Marten Flume Trail Connection CE | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 07/20/2010 | 08/2010 | Melissa Swain 541-767-5015 mbswain@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Connect the existing Marten Flume Trail with the Adams Mountain Trail. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=30016 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T22S, R01E, Section 22, Willamette Meridian. Cottage Grove Ranger District, Brice Creek Drainage. | | | | | |
| Noonday Trail Blasting CE | - Recreation management | Completed | Actual: 06/03/2010 | 09/2010 | Melissa Swain 541-767-5015 mbswain@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Blasting of rock outcropping to remove a barrier to motorized trail use. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32699 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T22S R1E, Sec 23. Near the confluence of Brice Creek and Champion Creek in the Brice Creek Watershed. | | | | | |
| Rail 2 Timber Sale and Prather Creek Bridge Replacement EA | - Forest products | In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/11/2010 | Expected:06/2011 | 07/2011 | Lisa Winn 541-767-5040 lwinn@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The project proposes to improve species and structural diversity, fire resiliency, and big game forage while providing wood products to the local community in second-growth stands; and to replace the Prather Creek Bridge on Forest Road 17. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32743 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T21S, R1E, Sections 17-21, 29-32. South end of the Layng Creek Watershed on the Cottage Grove RD. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Cottage Grove Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | | |
| Sugar Pine and White Pine Enhancement 2010 CE | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) | Completed | Actual: 07/13/2010 | 07/2010 | Lisa Winn 541-767-5040 lwinn@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Trees and shrubs will be cut within the approximate dripline of select overstory and intermediate five-needle pines to reduce competition; thus helping to improve and maintain the health of selected trees. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=32088 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T22S R01E Sections 16, 22-23, 27-28. Cottage Grove Ranger District, Brice Creek Watershed within the Dog Creek and Champion Creek subwatersheds. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Diamond Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | | |
| D-Bug Hazard Reduction Timber Sale Project EIS | - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/13/2009 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2010 | Expected:12/2010 | 03/2011 | Joyce Thompson 541-957-3457 jthompson@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project proposes to manage bark beetle outbreaks and reduce hazardous fuels in areas of high human use around Diamond and Lemolo Lakes. Both commercial and non-commercial treatments are being considered. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua/projects/ | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Portions of T26S, R5E, T26S, R5.5E, T27S, R5E, T27S, R5.5 E, T28S, R5E, T28S, R5.5 E, T29S, R5.5E. The area from Lemolo Lake south to the boundary with Crater Lake National Park. | | | | | |
| Lemolo Pine Health Maintenance Underburn 2010 CE | - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 06/01/2010 | Expected:09/2010 | 10/2010 | Brian Maier 541-498-2531 brianmaier@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Maintenance underburn 89 acres of ponderosa pine stands that were commercially thinned and underburned in the early 1990s to promote pine health and maintain vegetation structure and composition associated with the natural fire regime. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=31996 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T26S, R5.5E Sections 7 and 8. Lemolo Lake Watershed within the matrix land allocation. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Diamond Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | |
| Oak Flats Restoration Project 2010 EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 05/10/2010 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 02/2011 | Expected:04/2011 | 09/2011 | Richard Abbott 541-498-2531 rabbott@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Restore and maintain the unique oak/pine savannah vegetation communities and associated wildlife habitats historically promoted and maintained by a low-intensity, high-frequency fire regime through mechanical harvest and/or prescribed fire methods. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=31206 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T26S, R3E, S19 and 30; T26S, R2E, S24,25;Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon. Oak Flats on the Diamond Lake Ranger District. | | | | | |
| Rainbow Salvage Timber Sale CE *NEW LISTING* | - Forest products | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/11/2010 | Expected:10/2010 | 11/2010 | James Archuleta 541-498-2531 jgarchuleta@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: The purpose of this project is to facilitate the economic recovery of wood fiber resulting from the 2009 Rainbow wildfire and to improve public safety by removing hazard trees along roads. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=34027 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Portions of : Township 27S Range 3E Sections 33, 34; Township 28S Range 3E, Sections 03, 04. Located within the Slipper Creek drainage. | | | | | |
| Wildlife Shrubland and Wetland Habitat Enhancement 2010 CE | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants | In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2010 | Expected:12/2010 | 04/2011 | Jeff Bohler 541-498-2531 jbohler@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Wildlife restoration and enhancement at 7 locations, including 3 acres of wetland habitat, 50 acres of broadleaf forest habitat, and 90 acres of shrubland habitat. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=29928 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Mowich Park, Thorn Prairie, Mountain Meadows, Elephant Mountain. 7 separate locations on Diamond Lake Ranger District. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest North Umpqua Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region |
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| Umpqua National Forest North Umpqua Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | | |
| Little River Timber Sale EA *NEW LISTING* | - Forest products | Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2010 | Expected:04/2011 | 09/2011 | Stephen Burns 541-957-3351 sburns@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Commercial thinning activities occurring in densely-stocked second growth stands on approximately 3,500 acres within matrix, Adaptive Management Areas, and riparian reserve land-use allocations. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=33861 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Portions of: T26S R01W, R01E; T27S R02W, R01W, R01E; and T28S R02W, R01W, R01E. Portions of the Little River and Middle North Umpqua watersheds. | | | | | |
| Ragged Ridge Timber Stand Improvement CE | - Fuels management | In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2008 | Expected:05/2011 | 07/2011 | Michael Brown 541-496-3532 michaelebrown@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project would investigate the use of prescribed fire on approximately 3,000 acres in the Middle North Umpqua corridor between the confluence of Steamboat Creek and and the North Umpqua River and the community of Dry Creek. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=31889 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T25S R01E Ragged Ridge land area. Middle North Umpqua corridor between the confluence of Steamboat Creek and the North Umpqua River and the community of Dry Creek. | | | | | |

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| Umpqua National Forest Tiller Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) | | R6 - Pacific Northwest Region | | | |
| Cow Creek Timber Sale and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project EIS | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management | On Hold | N/A | N/A | Joshua Chapman 928-687-1301 joshuachapman@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: This project proposes to increase resiliency to stand replacment fire, reduce fuel loads, and increase structural diversity of both managed and natural stands in the Cow Creek drainage. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=27253 | | | | |
| Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson. LEGAL - Portions of T31S, R2W; T31S, R3W; T32S, R1W; T32S, R2W; T32S, R3W; T33S, R3W, Willamette Meridian, Oregon. Cow Creek and Elk Creek Drainages in the Tiller Ranger District. | | | | | |

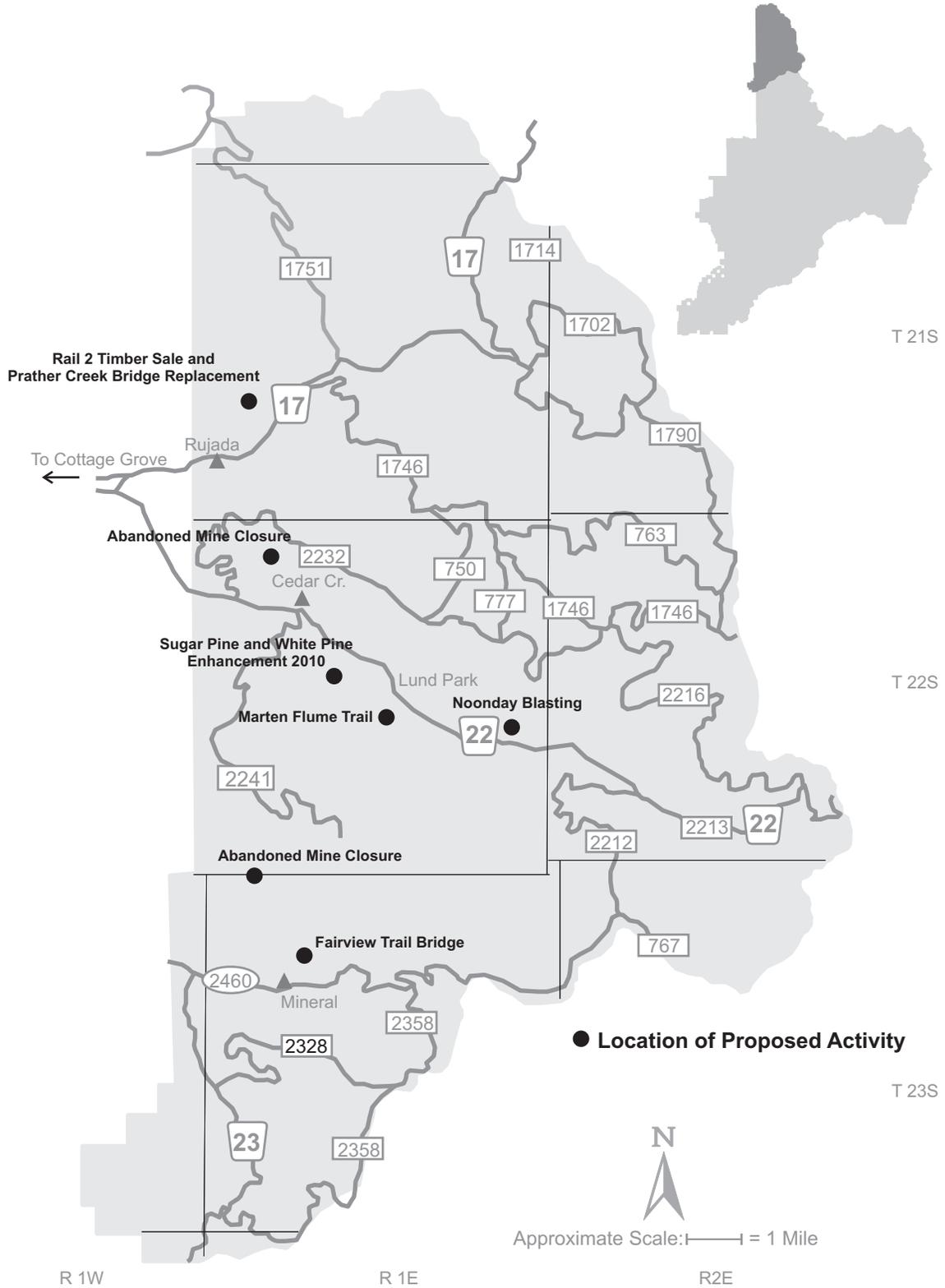
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| Tiller Aquatic Restoration EA | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management | In Progress: Scoping Start 01/20/2010 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/2010 | Expected:12/2010 | 09/2011 | Calib Baldwin 541-825-3133 ctbaldwin@fs.fed.us |
| | Description: Restore salmon and steelhead habitat by placing wood and large rocks in streams. | | | | |
| | Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=31250 | | | | |
| | Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T28S, 29S, 30S, 31S, R1W, R1E, 2E, 3E, W.M. District wide. | | | | |

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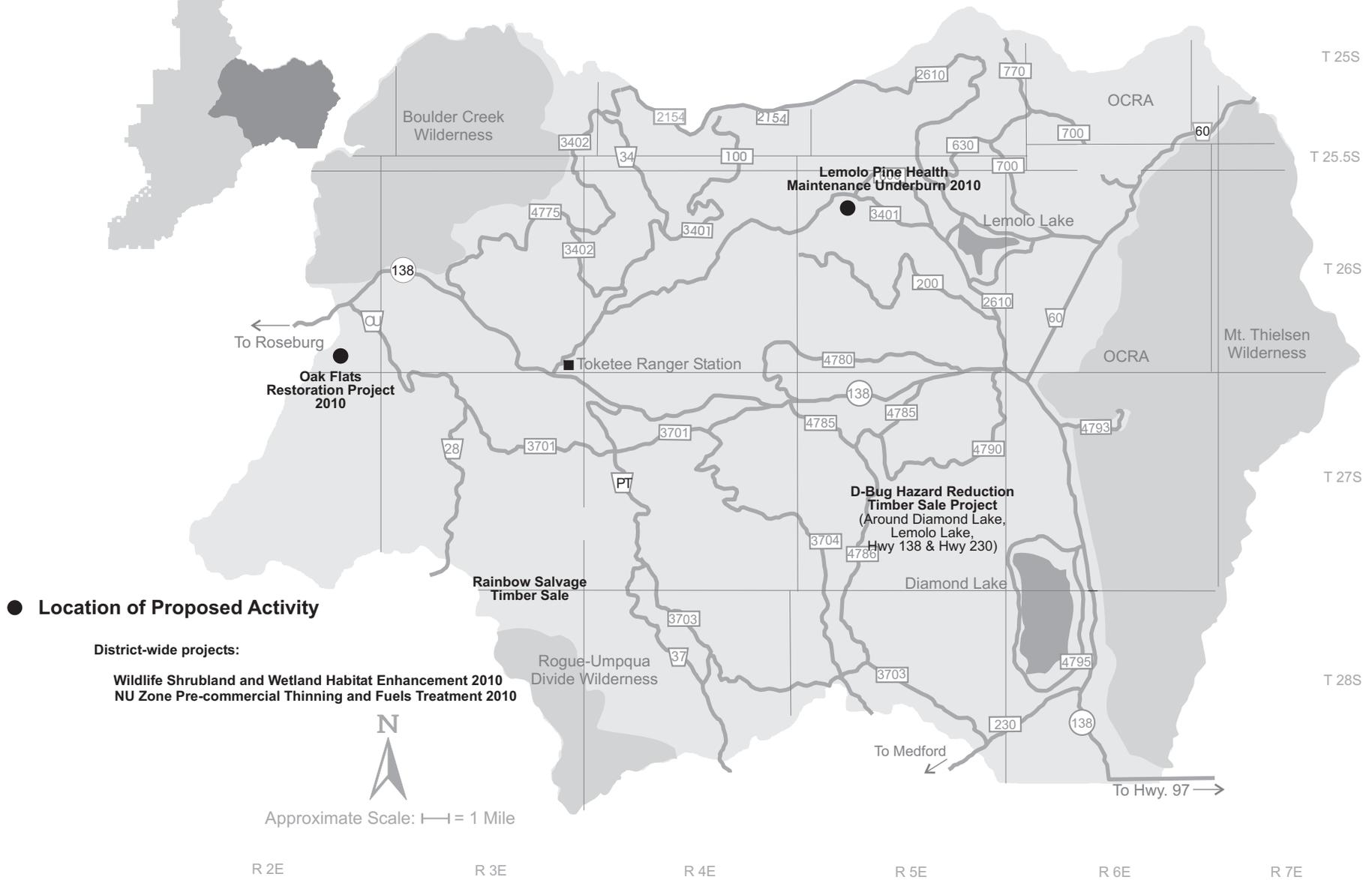
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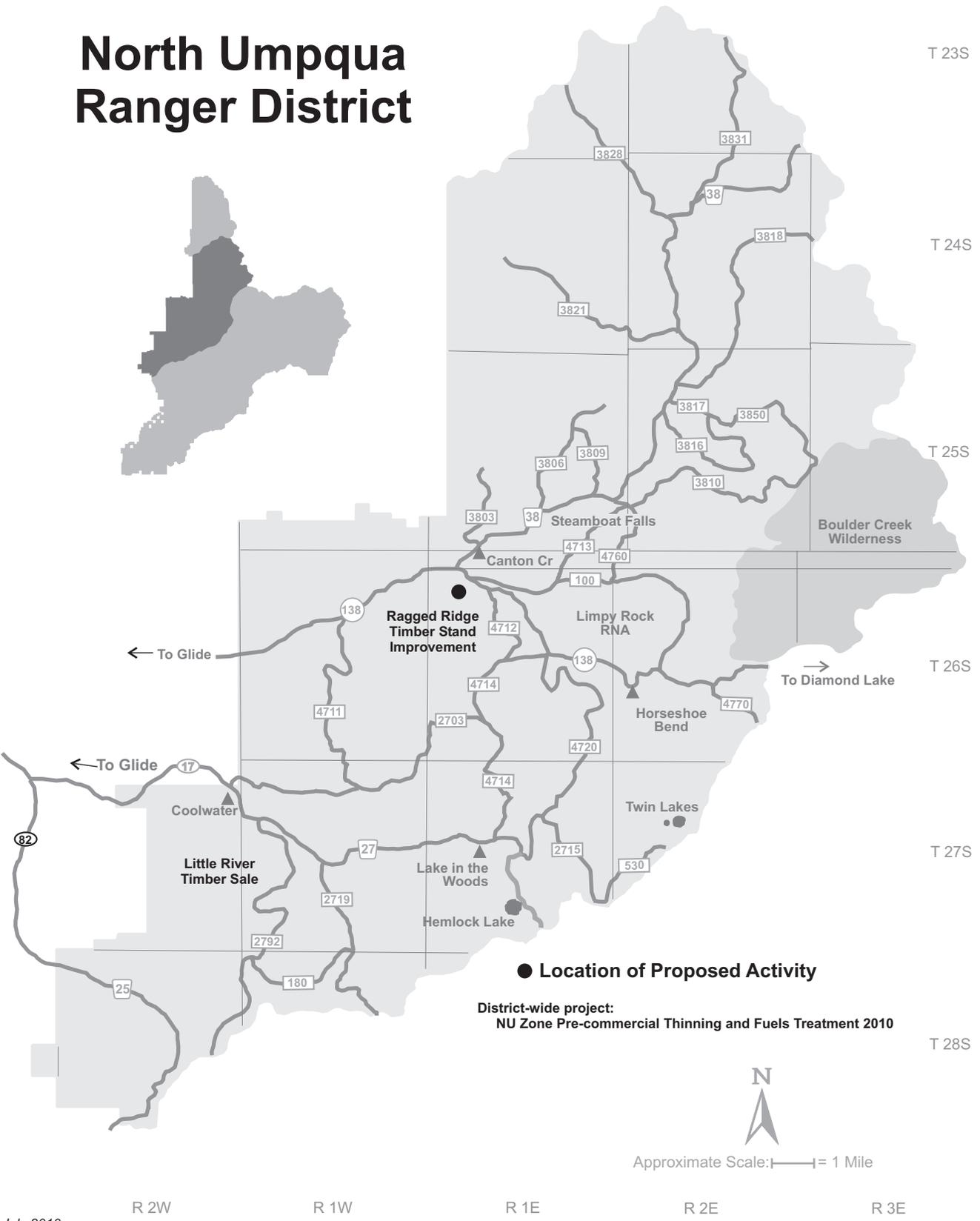
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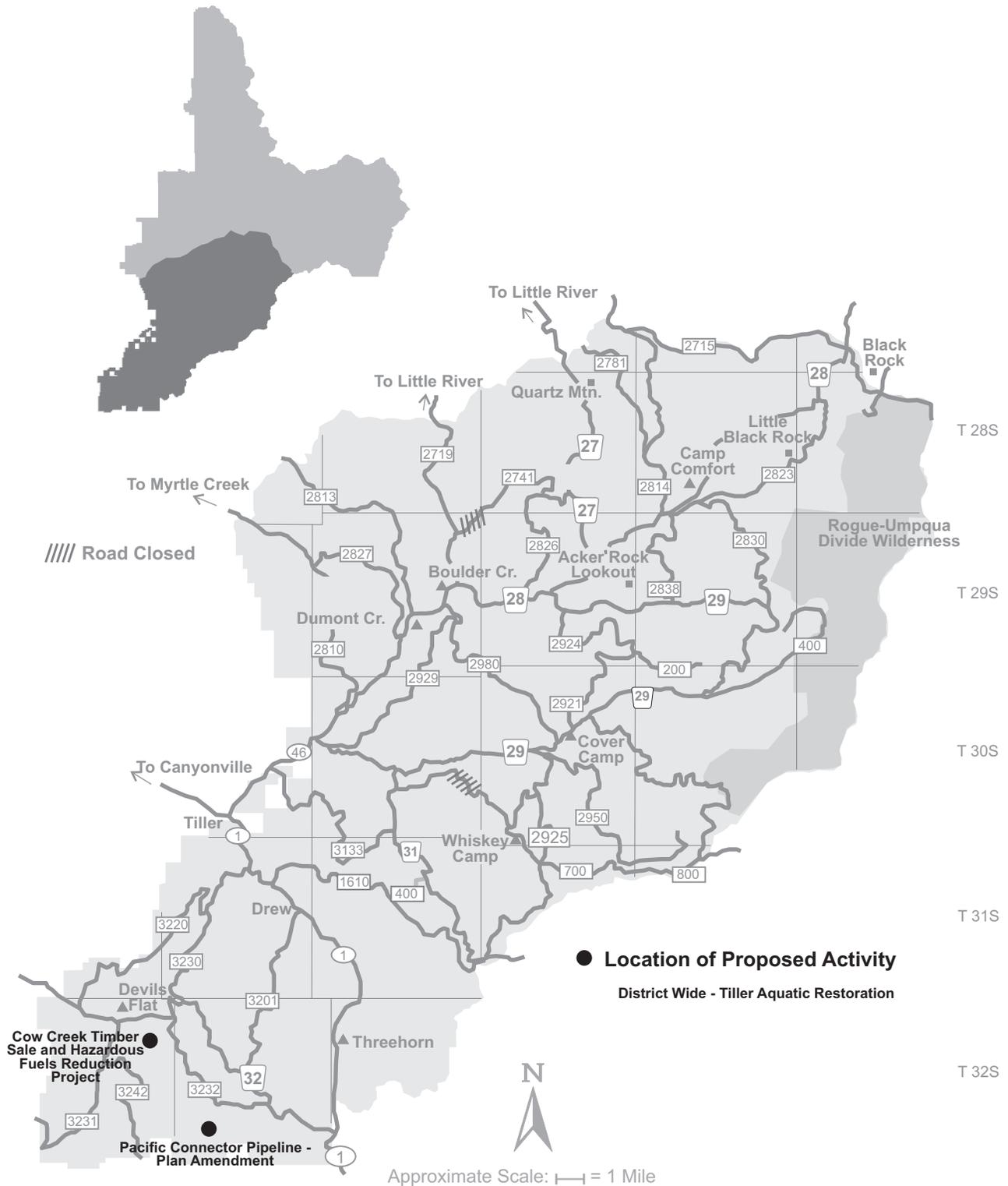
Diamond Lake Ranger District



North Umpqua Ranger District



Tiller Ranger District



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