



UMPQUA NATIONAL FOREST REVIEW

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

JULY 2011

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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Sincerely,



Chris Iverson
Acting Forest Supervisor

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Schedule of Proposed Actions
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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2011 to 09/30/2011

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/19/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2011	Expected:10/2011	10/2011	Noel Schneeberger 610-557-4121 nschneeberger@fs.fed.us
	Description: The USDA Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service are analyzing a range of strategies for controlling gypsy moth damage to forests and trees in the United States.				
	Web Link: http://www.na.fs.fed.us/wv/eis/				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. Nationwide.				
Land Management Planning Rule EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/25/2011 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2011	Expected:12/2011	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	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/27/2010 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2011	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.				

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R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Cougar Bluffs Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 01/28/2011	Expected:03/2012	12/2012	Scott Elefritz 541-957-3437 selefritz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exchange of 280 privately owned acres within the Cougar Bluffs Inventoried Roadless Area for an equal value of land within a 598 acre area administered by the U.S. Forest Service				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=34644				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District, North Umpqua Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Land to be aquired T26S, R1W, Sec. 11, 12; Land to be exchanged: T27S, R1W, Sec. 20; T27S, R2W, Sec. 10, 12, 22; T32S, R2W, Sec. 12; T20S, R3E, Sec. 35; Willamette Meridian. Cougar Bluffs Inventoried Roadless Area.					
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 08/2011	Expected:08/2012	08/2012	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	
Umpqua National Forest Travel Management Plan EA	- Road management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/15/2010	Expected:09/2011	10/2011	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 Cottage Grove Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region			
Abandoned Mine Closures 2011 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/17/2011	Expected:07/2011	08/2011	Patrick Williams (541) 767-5010 pswilliams@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project proposes to close 18 abandoned mining adits with bat friendly gates.				
	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, Sections 25 and 36; T23S, R1E, Sections 3, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 20-22. Mine adits are within the Sharps Creek and Brice Creek drainages in the Bohemia Mining District on the Cottage Grove Ranger District.					
Layng Creek Drainage Vault Toilet Installation CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/15/2011	Expected:09/2011	10/2011	Patrick Williams (541) 767-5010 mbswain@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install a vault toilet and parking area at the FS Road 17 and 1790 junction to service Pinard, Moon and Spirit Falls recreation visitors.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=35361				
Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T21S, R1E, Section 24. Junction of roads 17 and 1790 on the Cottage Grove Ranger District.					
Rail 2 Timber Sale and Prather Creek Bridge Replacement EA	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 04/20/2011	09/2011	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.					

Umpqua National Forest Diamond Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R6 - Pacific Northwest Region
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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	Completed	Actual: 04/22/2011	05/2011	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.					
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 08/2011	Expected:09/2011	10/2011	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.					

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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	- Forest products	Completed	Actual: 04/07/2011 04/07/2011	09/2011	Stephen Burns 541-957-3351 sburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning activities occurring in densely-stocked second growth stands on approximately 1,600 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.					

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Umpqua National Forest North Umpqua Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Ragged Ridge Timber Stand Improvement CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/15/2008	Expected:08/2011	08/2011	Michael Brown 541-496-3532 michaalebrown@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 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.					
Re-Route of Distribution (Power) Lines Located on Jack Creek Road CE *NEW LISTING*	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/04/2011	Expected:06/2011	07/2011	Robin Duarte 541-957-3295 rduarte@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is designed to relocate power lines that are currently attached to four trees that are at risk of falling onto Highway 138. Six new poles will be installed to replace the four trees and will allow the lines to be re-routed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=36581				
Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Willamette Meridian: T27S-R3E, Section 10. North Umpqua Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest; FS road 471300 (Jack Creek Road).					

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Umpqua National Forest Tiller Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Banfield #9 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/15/2010	Expected:06/2011	06/2011	Wes Yamamoto 541-825-3150 wyamamoto@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavating and removing of 150 tons of test material				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=34785				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T32S R2W S3, S4 W.M. Tiller Ranger District, Drew Creek.					

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Beaver Timber Sale Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2011	Expected:04/2012	09/2012	Donni Vogel 541-957-3466 dvogel@fs.fed.us
	Description: The purpose of the project is to reduce tree densities in densely-stocked second growth stands and fire-regenerated natural stands less than 80 years old on approximately 2,500 acres to improve the health, and vigor of the leave trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=36358				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Willamette meridian: portions of T30S-R1W; T30S-R1E; T30S-R2W; T31S-R1W; T31S-R1E; T31S-R2W. Beaver Creek Sub-Watershed of the Jackson Creek (HUC 5) Watershed.					
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.					
Johnnie Forest Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2011	Expected:01/2012	06/2012	Pat Murphy 541-825-3140 patmurphy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve the fire resiliency of the forest and decrease the threat of wildfire to life and property near the community of Tiller, Oregon by thinning out and removing some of the existing dense vegetation that serves as fuel during a wildfire event.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=36362				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Willamette Meridian: T29S, R1W, Sec. 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33; T30S, R1W, Sec. 5, 6, 7, and 8; T30S, R2W, Sec. 12. Tiller Wildland-Urban Interface Area; Tiller Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest, within the Middle South Umpqua Watershed.					

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Umpqua National Forest Tiller Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R6 - Pacific Northwest Region		
Loafer Timber Sale Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2011	Expected:10/2012	04/2013	Stephen Burns 541-957-3351 sburns@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is designed to restore pine species and promote large-diameter trees by commercially thinning approximately 2,850 acres in forested areas of various ages while improving wildlife habitat and providing economic benefits to communities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=36365				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Willamette Meridian portions of: T25S-R5E; T26S-R4E; T26S-R5E. Upper North Umpqua (HUC 5) watershed; subwatersheds: Loafer Creek , Potter Creek, Deer Creek.					
Tiller Aquatic Restoration EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 06/15/2010	Expected:09/2011	07/2012	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.					
Tiller Bridge Relocation and Replacement Project CE	- Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2011	Expected:09/2011	09/2012	Calib Baldwin 541-825-3133 ctbaldwin@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace and relocate an aging wooden bridge on FS Road 2823 (Emerson Bridge), crossing the South Umpqua, to address fisheries concern; and replace a failing bridge on FS Road 2900 at Deep Cut Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_content.php?project=35282				
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T28 S, R2 E, Sec 31 and 32 (Emerson Bridge); T30 S R1 E Sec 17 (Deep Cut Creek Bridge). Emerson Bridge on FS Road 2823 and Deep Cut Creek Bridge on FS Road 2900.					

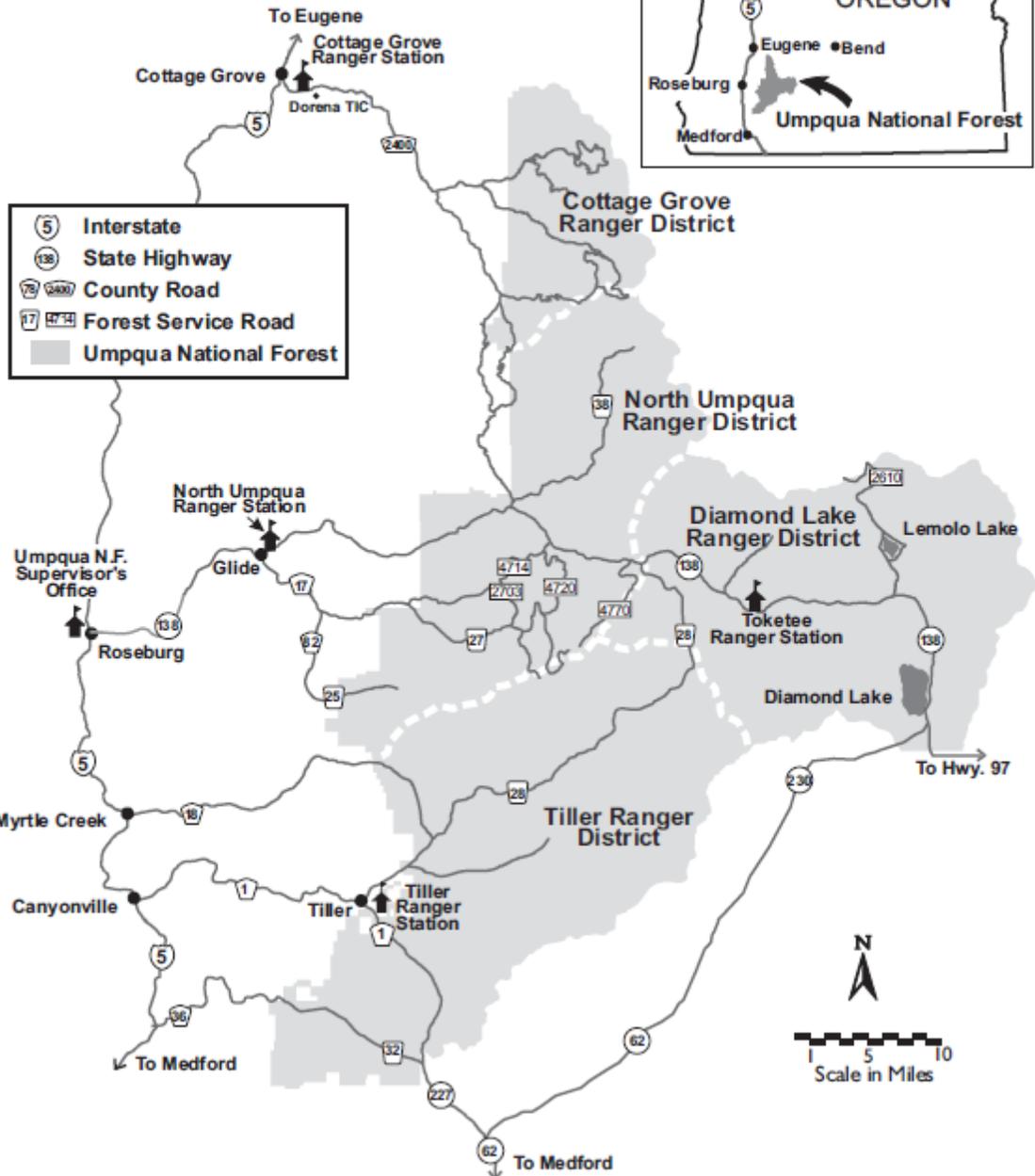
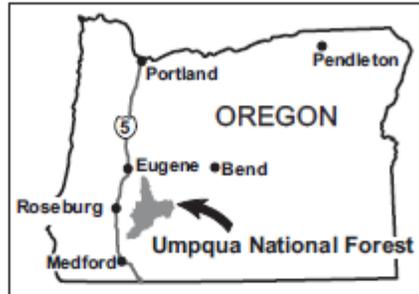
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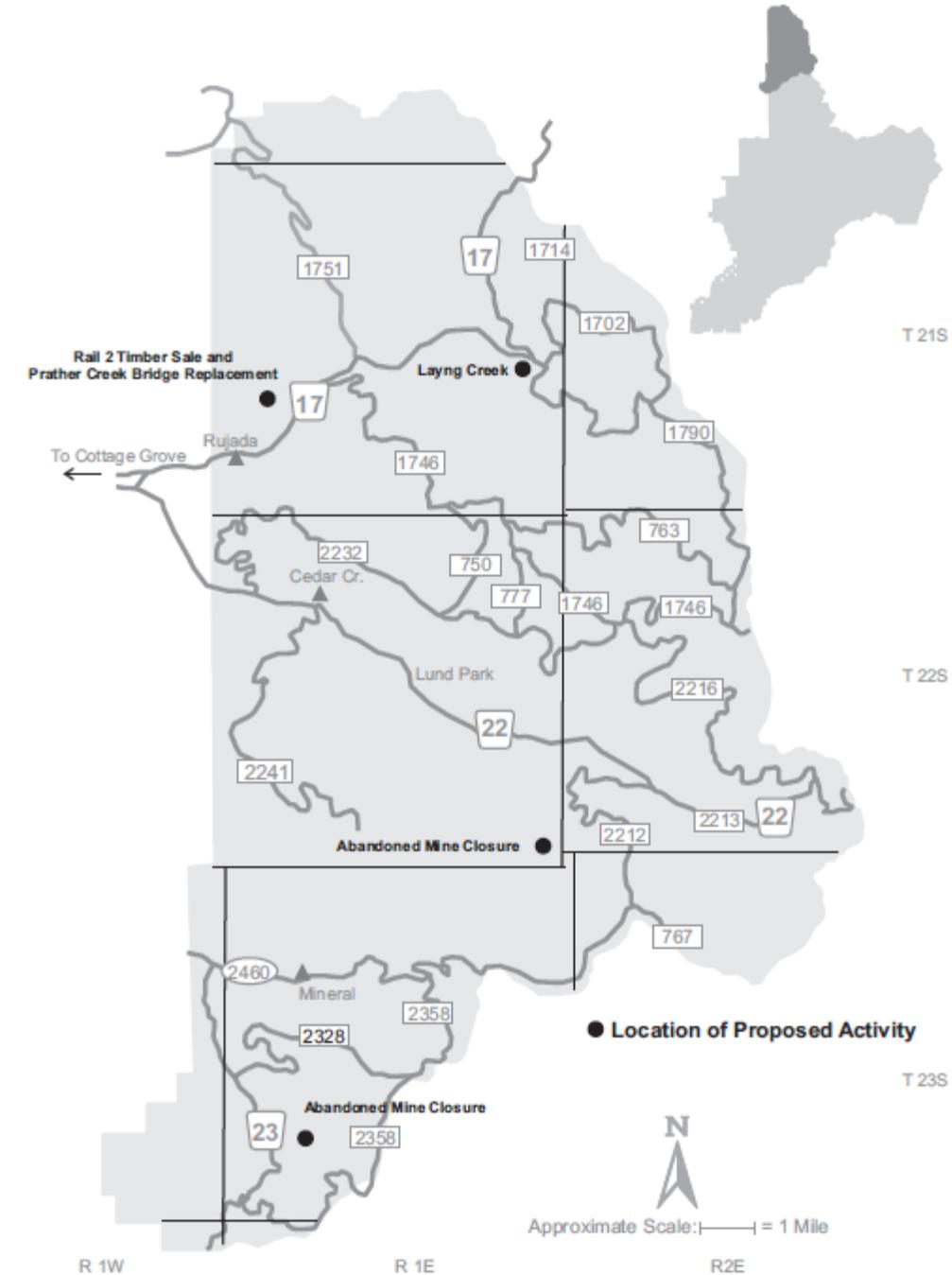
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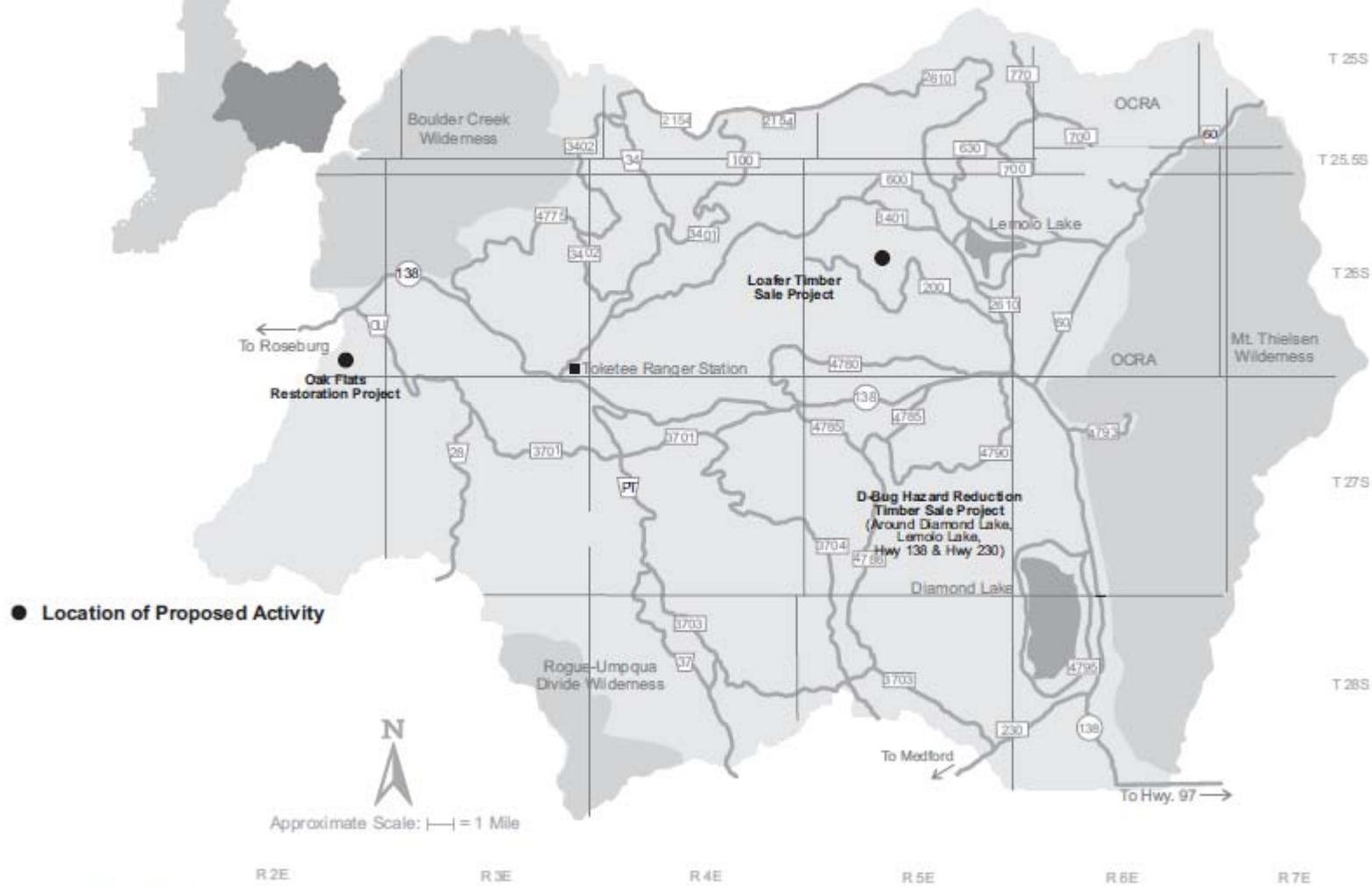
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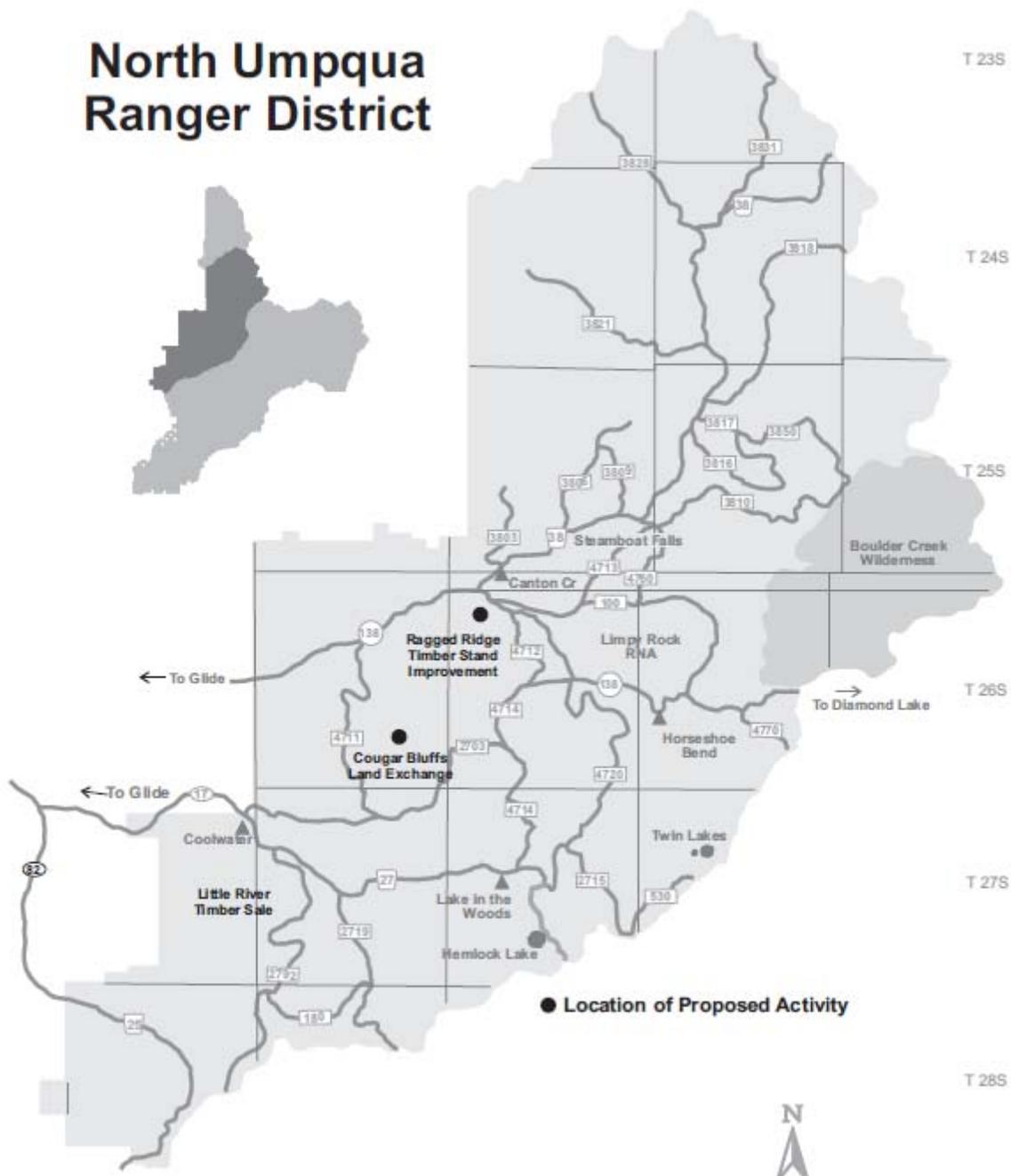
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North Umpqua Ranger District



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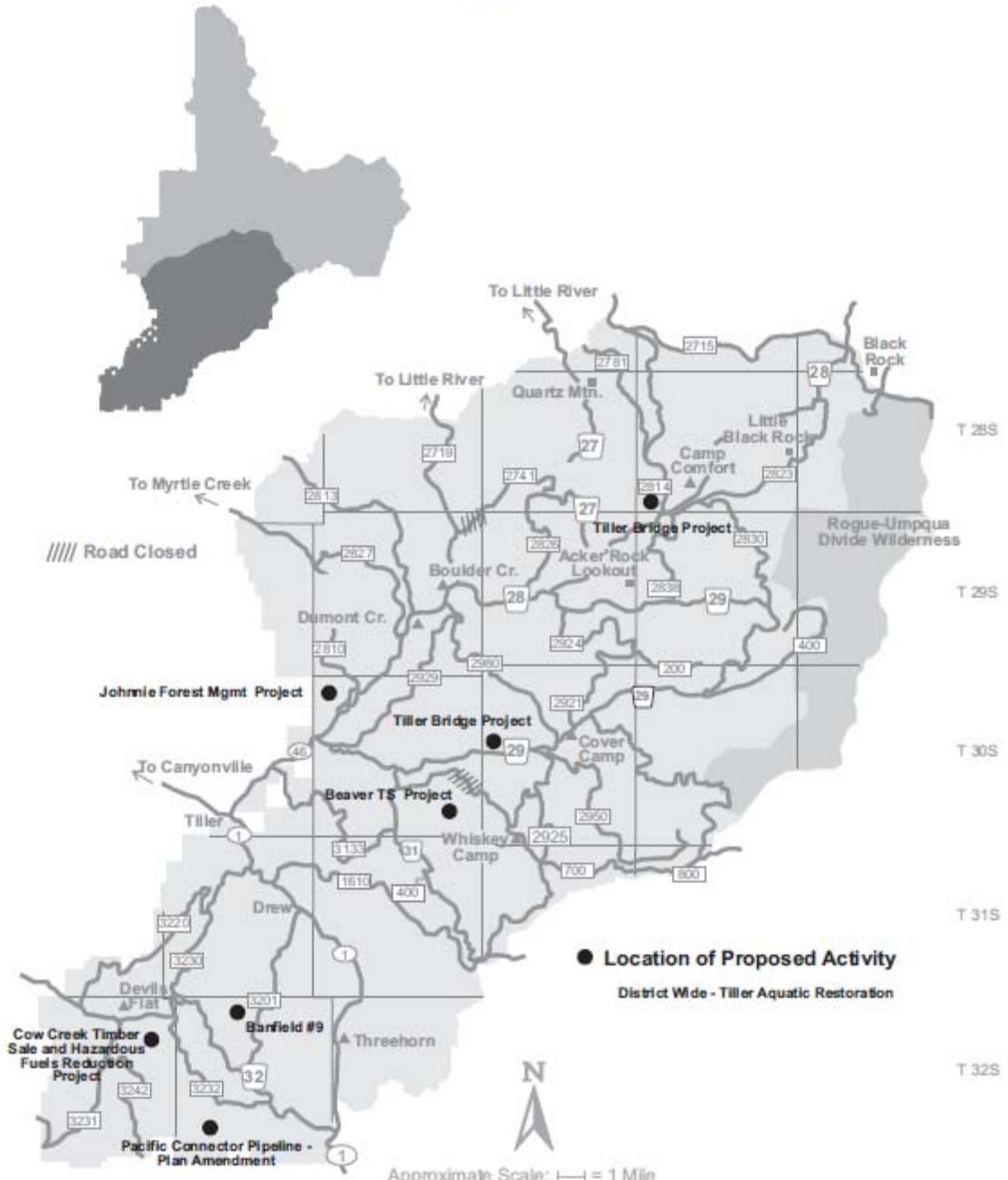


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