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Subject: Locations of additional Port-Orford-cedar resistance test planting sites at the Smith River NRA (FHP Rept. No. N06-01)

To: Dave Webb, Smith River NRA

In 2005, Dave Schultz and I identified six areas on the Smith River NRA that meet the criteria for POC resistance tests plantings (see attached map). To proceed with planting, four of these areas would need to be added to the 2005 Port-Orford-cedar Resistance Test Planting Project Categorical Exclusion, which expires in May 2006. Of the other two areas, one (Allen's Gulch) is already covered in the CE, and one (Eddie Ruiz Property) is on private land.

Last July, Mary Kay Vandiver indicated that if any suitable new sites were found that were not much different from the ones that are currently covered on the CE, then all that would be needed to add the new areas to the CE would be to write a letter to the CE file stating the new locations. All are similar to the areas currently on the CE. They are forested (similar vegetative and planting conditions to those at Fish Lake) and have a current POC root disease infestation that is reducing the existing live canopy. Planting and monitoring would be done according to the terms specified in the decision memo.

Following are the locations of the areas that we have identified:

1. Between access road off of 17N23 and Rock Creek, on FS land adjacent to the SW corner of private land in T17N, R1E, Sec. 28. GPS coordinates are N41° 49.481', W123°59.394'. Several suitable (approx. 1/4ac.) planting sites are below the access road and Rock Creek. This is the site that we took Dave Webb to on 7/25/2005.
2. Humboldt Flat. T17N, R2E, Sec 31. Along small spur road just west of the intersection of French Hill Road (Rd. 411) and FS17N41. GPS coordinates are N41°49.483', W123° 59.386. Planting would be on and adjacent to old skid roads in the area.
3. Lower End Of Monkey Creek (Rd. 17N18C). T17N, R 3E, Sec 2. GPS coordinates are N41° 49.481', W123° 59.393'. Two small (approx. 50' x 20' each) suitable planting sites, approximately 1/10th mile apart, adjacent to Road 17N18C.
4. Across from the intersection of French Hill Road (Rd. 405) and Road 16N55. T.16N R.3E, Sec. 19. The road sign on French Hill Road adjacent to the site says 405 - 10.06. Because of the presence of live, green POC this is a less desirable site for resistance planting, but it would be helpful to include this on the CE.



Additional sites that do not need to be added to the CE:

5. Allen's Gulch. T17N, R2E, Sec. 31. This area is already on the CE (POC Unit 3), and a small plot was planted in 2005. Another corner of the area (approx. 40' x 30') has been located that is suitable for additional planting.
6. Eddie Ruiz Property, off of the Low Divide Road. T17N, R2E, Sec 20. GPS coordinates are N41° 54.074', W123°, 48.411'. Several suitable planting sites are on his property, and Mr. Ruiz has given us permission to proceed. Since this is on private land, NEPA clearance is not needed. Contact phone number for Eddie Ruiz is (707) 218-5889.

According to what we saw on our visits this summer, Sites 1, 5 and 6 are the best sites and will most likely have the highest priority for planting. Dave Schultz and I will revisit the areas in the late winter-early spring 2006 to confirm this, as these areas can look quite different that time of year.

We plan to do the planting sometime between March and May of 2006. This should give ample time for specialists to confirm that these areas would be ok for planting and to place a letter into the CE file to add these areas to the project. Would you be available to see that this is done? As always, I'd be available to provide any additional information or assistance that is needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Schultz or me.

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