



UMPQUA REVIEW

NATIONAL FOREST
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

JULY 2012

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,

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**July 2012
Schedule of Proposed Actions
Umpqua National Forest**

Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)

JULY 2012

Projects Occurring Nationwide				Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact

Gypsy Moth Management in the United States: A Cooperative Approach EIS	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress 09/19/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2012	Expected: 10/2012	01/2013	Noel Schneeberger 610-557-4121 nschneeberger@fs.fed.us
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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

R6 - Pacific Northwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)				Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact

Cougar Bluffs Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	In Progress 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 01/20/2012	Expected: 08/2012	06/2013	Scott Elefritz 541-957-3437 selefritz@fs.fed.us
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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/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34644

Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District, North Umpqua Ranger District, Middle Fork Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Land to be acquired 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 10/2012	Expected: 12/2013	03/2014	Pam Sichtung 541-957-3342 psichtung@fs.fed.us
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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/nepa_project_exp.php?project=28132

Location: UNIT - Klamath Ranger District, High Cascades Ranger District, Tiller 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	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact

Forest Plan Amendment for Unique and Mosaic Habitats CE	- Land management planning	Developing Proposal Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2012	Expected: 09/2012	10/2012	Joyce Thompson 541-957-3457 jthompson@fs.fed.us
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Description: This amendment proposes to address the need to update a portion of the 1990 Umpqua National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan in order to maintain and restore these natural open areas that benefit biodiversity by providing important habitat.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=39842

Location: UNIT - Umpqua National Forest All Units. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas, Jackson, Lane. Umpqua National Forest

Umpqua National Forest Travel Management Plan EA	- Road management	In Progress 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 03/15/2010	Expected: 02/2013	02/2013	Scott Elefritz 541-957-3437 selefritz@fs.fed.us
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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

Umpqua National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Renewal of Special Use Permits for Utility Lines CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2012	Expected: 08/2012	10/2012	Robin Duarte 541-957-3295 rduarte@fs.fed.us

Description: Renewal of six powerline permits and three telephone line permits for the maximum 20 year terms.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37859

Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District, Diamond Lake Ranger District, North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. Multiple distribution lines Forest-wide; Diamond Lake, Tiller, and North Umpqua Districts

Umpqua National Forest , Cottage Grove Ranger District				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Parker Wyatt Timber Sale EA	- Forest products	In Progress Scoping Start 05/08/2012 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2012	Expected: 01/2013	08/2013	Patrick Williams (541) 767-5010 pswilliams@fs.fed.us

Description: This project is designed to improve species and structural diversity, fire resiliency, and improve conditions for five-needle pine health while providing wood products to the local community.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37626

Location: UNIT - Cottage Grove Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Lane. LEGAL - T22S R1E Sections 5-8, 13, 14, 23 and R2E Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 27, and 28 Stands are located throughout the north end of the Brice Creek subwatershed

Umpqua National Forest , Diamond Lake Ranger District				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact

Loafer Timber Sale Project EA	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/02/2012 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 08/2012	Expected: 09/2012	09/2013	Stephen Burns 541-957-3351 sburns@fs.fed.us
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Description: This project proposes commercial thinning in over-stocked stands and pine-dominated stands, and prescribed fire to promote shrubland wildlife habitat on approximately 1,450 acres.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36365

Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - Willamette Meridian portions of: T25S-R5E; T26S-R4E; T26S-R5E Upper North Umpqua (HUC 5) watershed

Lonely Oak EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping Start 09/15/2010 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 11/2012	Expected: 12/2012	06/2013	Jeff Bohler 541-498-2531 jbohler@fs.fed.us
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Description: Wildlife habitat improvement project to restore shrublands, dry forests, and wetland habitats.

Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. South slopes of Pig Iron Mountain

Wetland Planning FY12 CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2012	Expected: 12/2012	06/2013	Jeff Bohler 541-498-2531 jbohler@fs.fed.us
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Description: Creation of several small wetlands

Location: UNIT - Diamond Lake Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. Diamond Lake Ranger District - multiple locations

Umpqua National Forest , North Umpqua Ranger District				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact

Lower Steamboat Environmental Assessment EA	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2012	Expected: 04/2013	09/2013	Michael Brown 541-496-3532 michaelbrown@fs.fed.us
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Description: Commercial thinning approximately 20.8 mbf across 1,840 acres in the Ragged Ridge area adjacent to Lower Steamboat Creek.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=37713

Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T26S , R01E and R02E Ragged Ridge, east of the North Umpqua River / Steamboat Creek confluence and north of the North Umpqua River.

Panther Creek Trail Bridge Replacement Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 02/03/2012	Expected: 07/2012	06/2013	Miguel Amat y Leon 541-498-2531 x384 mamatileon@fs.fed.us
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Description: Replace trail bridge damaged from a high water event. Repairs will include the removal of the old bridge and replacement with a cambered 90 foot metal bridge. New design addresses potential future flooding events.

Web Link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/umpqua/landmanagement/projects>

Location: UNIT - North Umpqua Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T.26S., R.1E., SW ¼ of S14, W.M. The Panther Creek Trail Bridge is located near the western terminus of the Calf Segment of the North Umpqua Trail #1414. It is located approximately 500 feet to the southeast of Road 4714 in T.26S.,

Umpqua National Forest , Tiller Ranger District				R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
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Johnnie Forest Management Project EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress Scoping Start 06/17/2011 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2012	Expected: 09/2012	12/2012	David Baker 541-825-3149 dcbaker@fs.fed.us
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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/nepa_project_exp.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.

Tiller Aquatic Restoration EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 01/20/2010 Est. 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 07/2012	Expected: 08/2012	09/2012	Calib Baldwin 541-825-3133 ctbaldwin@fs.fed.us
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Description: Restore salmon and steelhead habitat by placing wood and large rocks in streams.

Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=31250

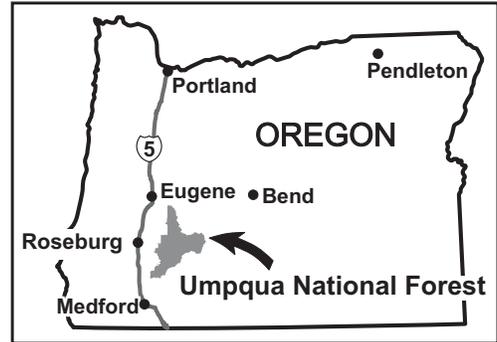
Location: UNIT - Tiller Ranger District. STATE - Oregon. COUNTY - Douglas. LEGAL - T28S, 29S, 30S, 31S, R1W, R1E, 2E, 3E, W.M. Tiller District wide

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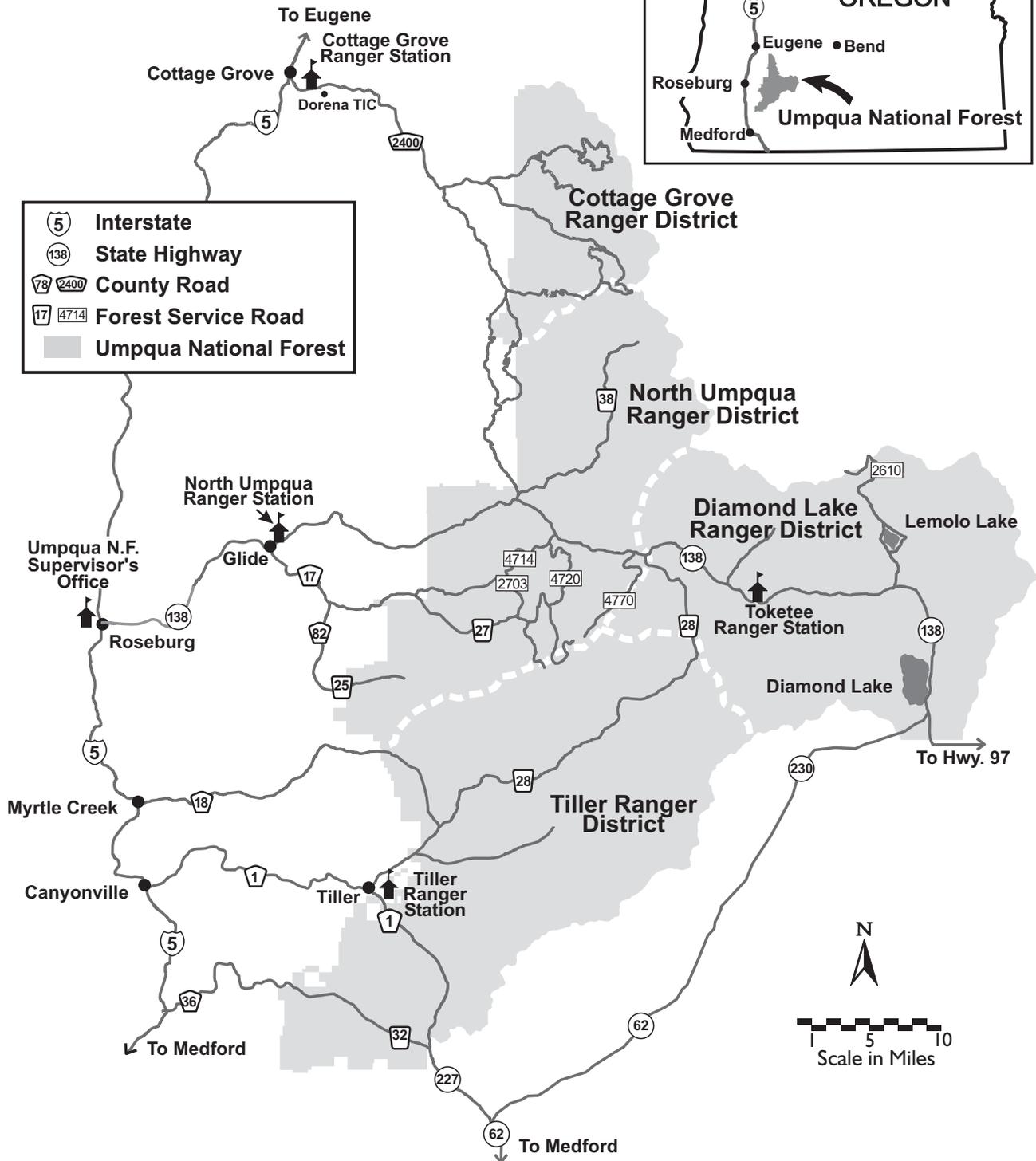
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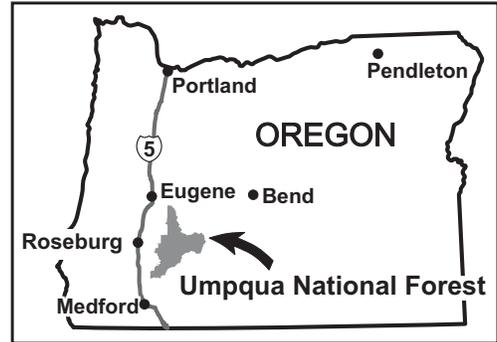
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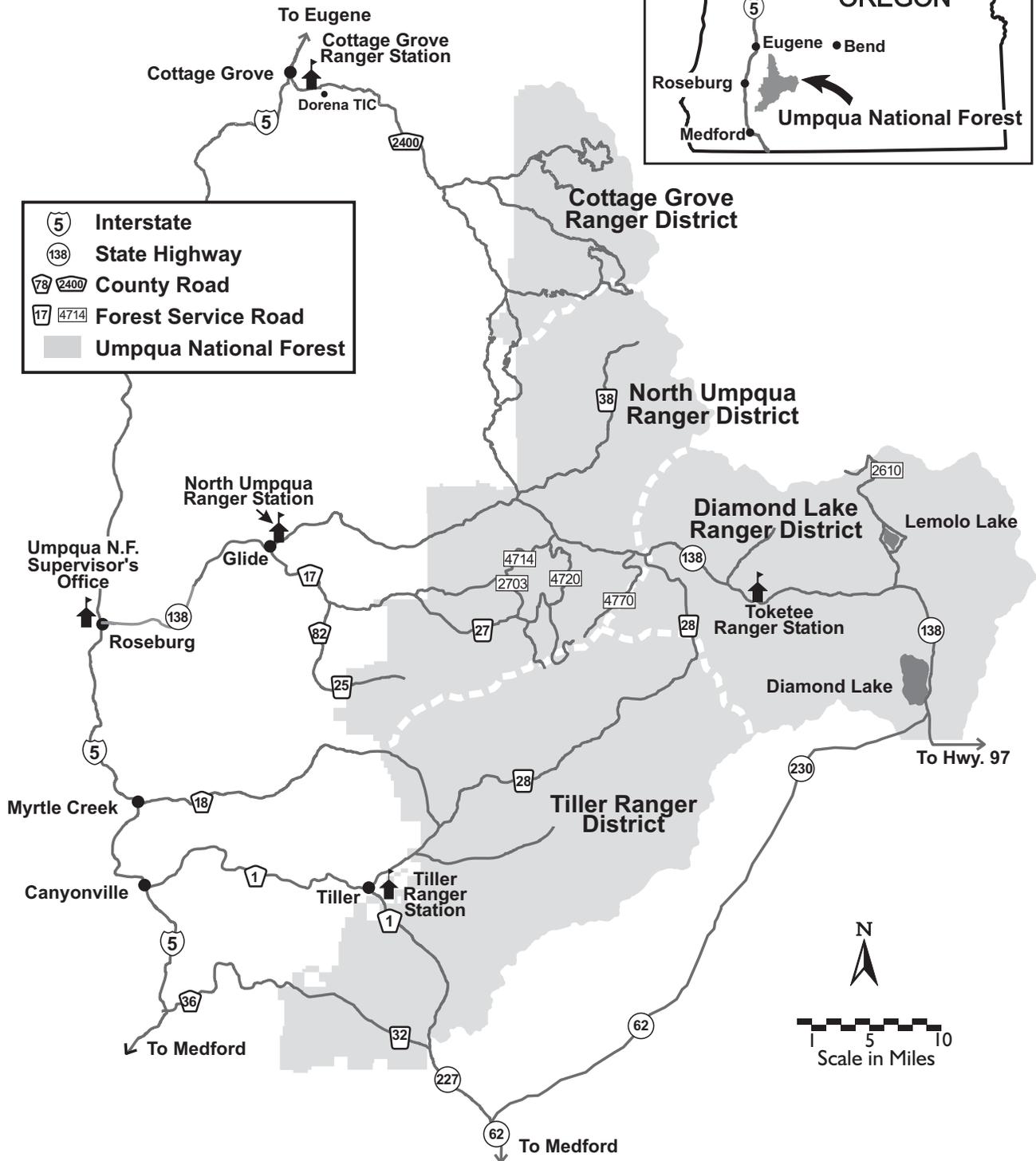
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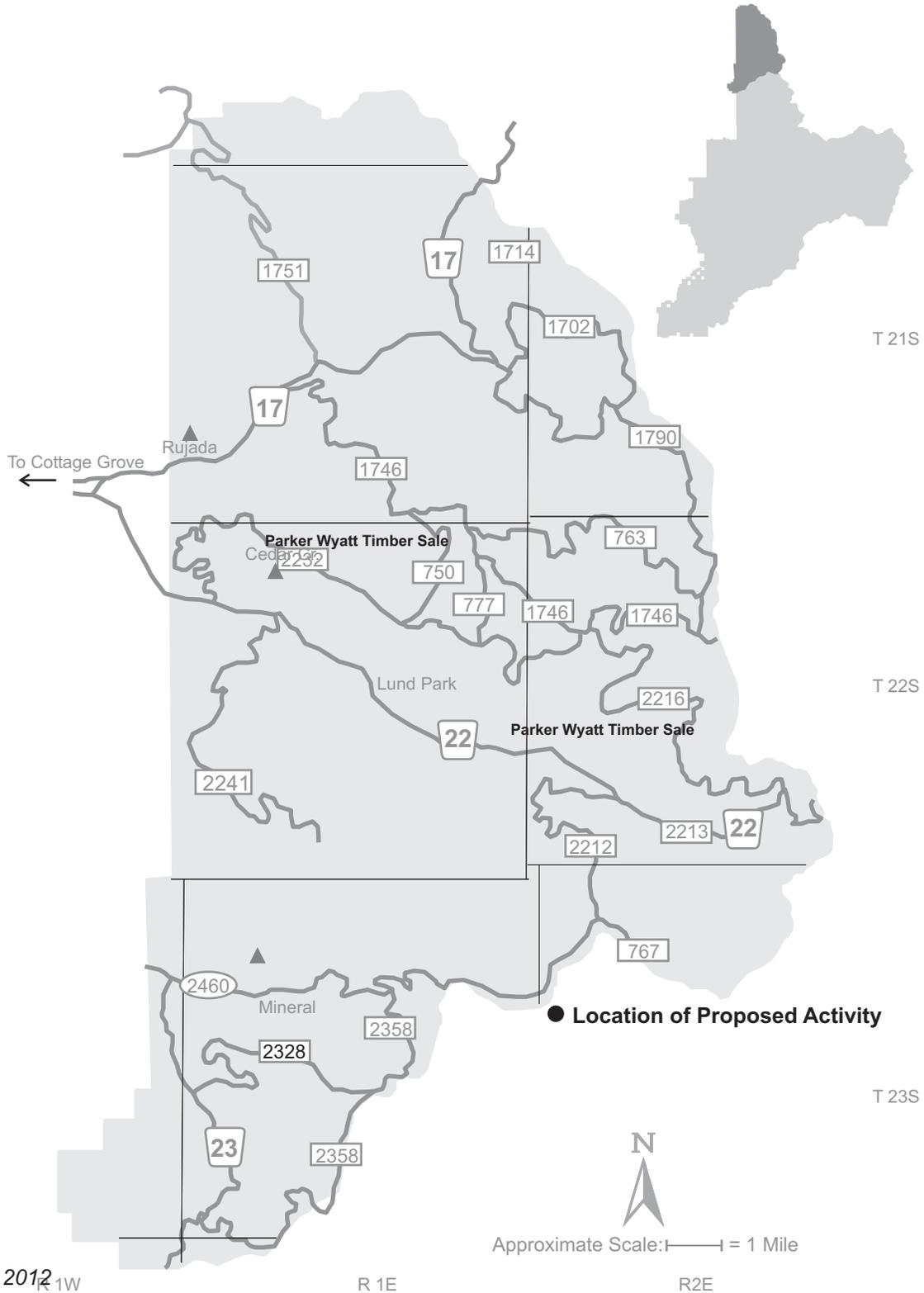
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Cottage Grove Ranger District



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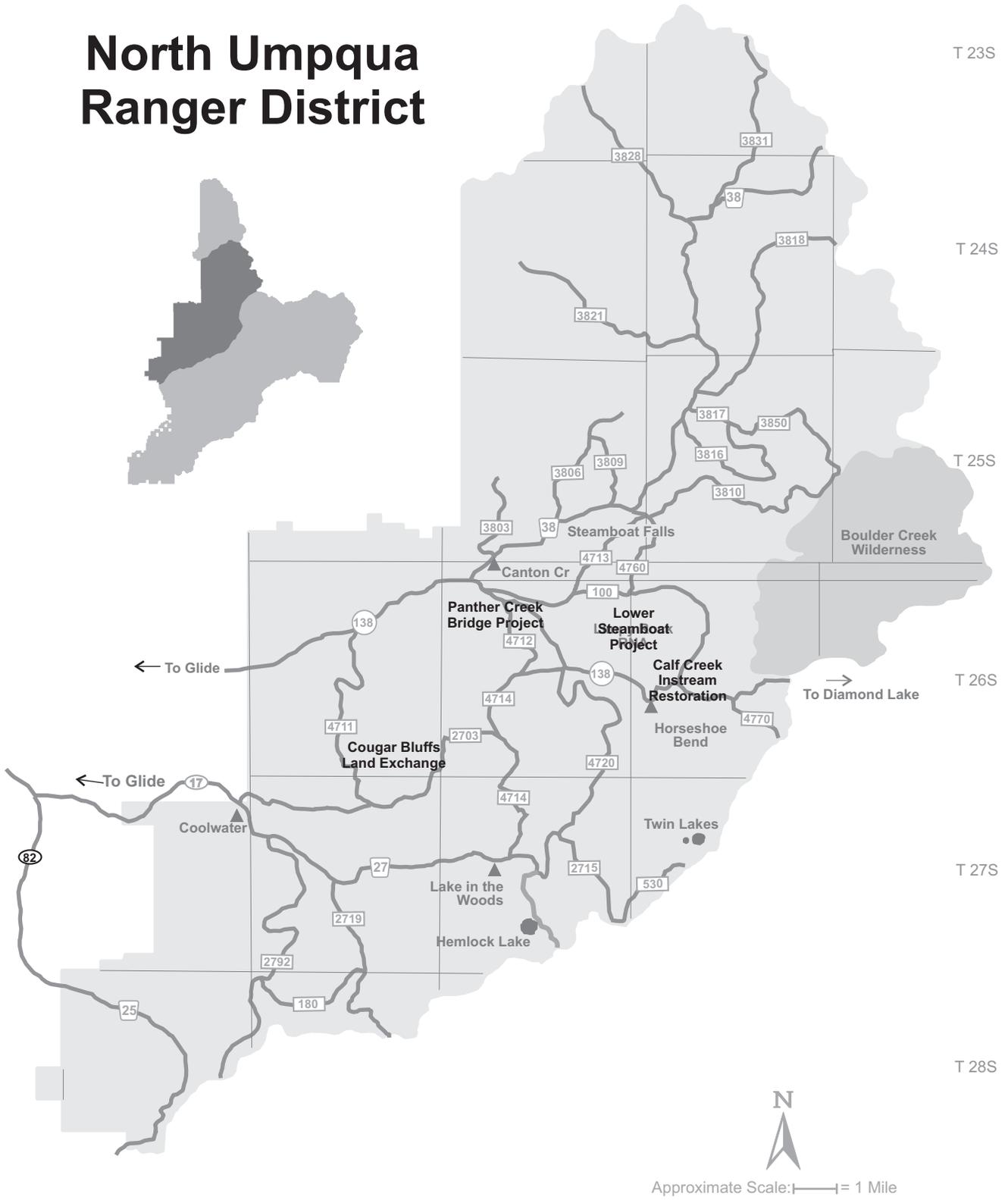
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North Umpqua Ranger District



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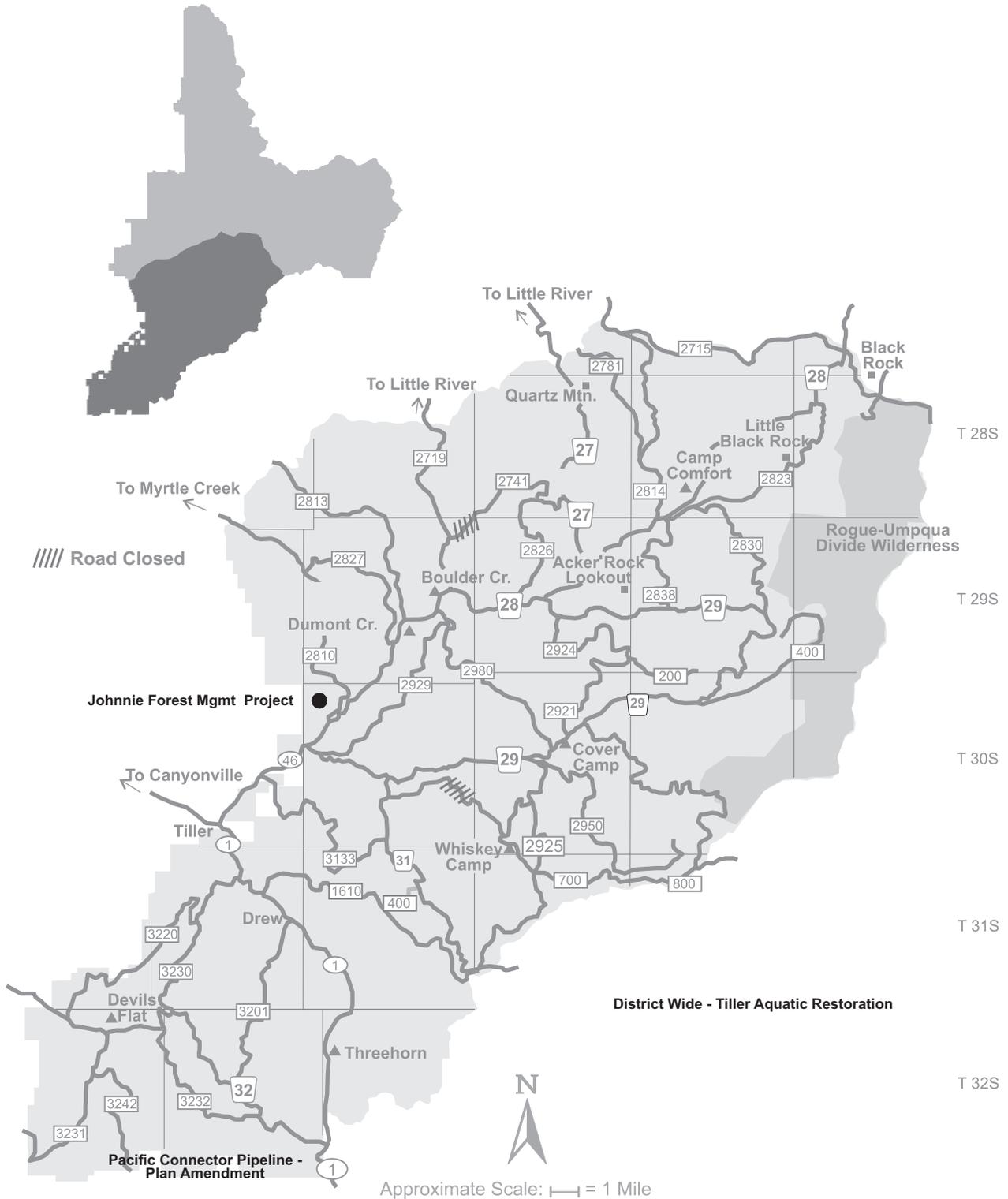
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