

2008 Deschutes National Forest Monitoring Report Cover Letter

We are pleased to bring you this summary of the Deschutes National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) monitoring effort for fiscal year 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007 - Sept. 30, 2008). With this report we share our success in implementing the goals and objectives in the 1990 LRMP. This report and table contain information regarding two types of monitoring: implementation monitoring verifies consistency with direction in our Forest Plan and effectiveness monitoring evaluates the effects of management activities.

The Implementation Monitoring Resource Output and Activity Summary Table include the last twelve years of reporting and a twelve-year average column so that trends of Forest activities are more apparent. These trends are useful in determining where we are headed in the context of certain uses of the Forest. Projected outputs in the Forest Plan are also displayed. New science, national and regional direction, budgets, data gathering methods, and other influences are continually evolving and adding to the Forest Plan. The effectiveness monitoring narratives include updates to ongoing monitoring activities from previous reports, as well as new and upcoming activities. The process of Forest Plan revision is expected to begin within the next few years and will be influenced by information we gain from studying these trends and effects.

For additional information on this Monitoring Report, please contact Susan Skakel or Mose Harris at the address above, or by calling (541) 383-5300. You may be interested to know that monitoring reports dating back to 1998 can also be found on the Deschutes National Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/projects/planning/monitorlist.shtml>

Sincerely,

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