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The Forest Service

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Pacific Northwest Region
Aquatic Restoration Project
Region 6, Pacific Northwest
Regional Office

The Forest Service is seeking comments on the Pacific Northwest Region Aquatic Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA documents one action alternative and a no action alternative. The project targets restoration of watershed processes in riparian areas, and is needed on National Forest System lands to aid in the recovery of federally listed fish and to improve water quality. The proposed action includes 19 aquatic restoration categories, all of which are covered under the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Aquatic Restoration Biological Opinions (ARBO II; NMFS 2012 and USFWS 2012). The actions would occur in riparian reserves or riparian habitat conservation areas on National Forest System lands in Oregon, Washington, and a small portion of northwest California. The proposed action would implement up to 1,800 projects over the course of 10-15 years.

The EA is available for review at the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204; or, online at: https://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53001

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a designated public comment period such as this are eligible to file an objection. Individuals or representatives of an entity submitting comments must sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

The Forest Service will accept comments on the EA for 30 days following publication of the legal notice of the opportunity to comment in the Oregonian and in the Seattle Times, which is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenters responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Comments are requested via the electronic submission form found here: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=53001>. Written comments may also be submitted electronically in common formats (.docx, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) to comments-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us. They can also be mailed to the Regional Forester, c/o Julie Knutson, Regional Environmental Coordinator; or hand delivered to the address shown above during business hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) excluding legal holidays. Comments may also be faxed to 503-808-2339. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, anonymous commenters will not be eligible to file an objection, nor do anonymous comments afford the Agency the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

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