

- Enhancement project for bald eagle nesting habitat. This project will involve thinning in juniper woodland and eagle habitat areas to improve forest health and ensure the recruitment of future eagle nests and roosting trees. This project is planned for approximately 250 acres.

WATERSHED/LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Watershed Analysis is a critical element of the Northwest Forest Plan implementation. It is required prior to management in Key Watersheds and to change the boundaries of Riparian Reserves defined in the Northwest Forest Plan. Watershed analysis is a systematic procedure involving data collection and compilation (generally at the watershed scale) for use in developing management prescriptions, monitoring programs, and restoration strategies. Further, it is an analytical step to support informed decision making; it is not a decision-making process. In some cases, a watershed analysis may identify specific issues that need additional environmental analysis and documentation in a separate document. Updates to watershed analysis may be done to include new information or address additional management activities.

In FY96, a watershed/landscape analysis (Topsy/Pokegama Landscape Analysis) was completed for the portion of the Klamath Falls Resource Area located south of Highway 66, west of Highway 97, and north of the Oregon-California border. Approximately 30,000 of the 171,000 acres in the analysis area (about 18 percent) are administered by the Klamath Falls Resource Area. This analysis, along with the two previously done for Spencer Creek and Jenny Creek, complete the watershed analysis requirements for those lands in the Klamath Falls Resource Area subject to the Northwest Forest Plan.

Watershed analysis requirements for lands not subject to the Northwest Forest Plan are addressed in the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and are also expected to be a component of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. Accordingly, a watershed analysis is expected to be initiated in FY98 for "eastside" forested lands in the general vicinity of Gerber Reservoir. To review the three completed watershed analyses or get additional information on the expected analysis process in the Gerber area, contact Kathy Helm at 541-885-4105.

KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Resource Management Plan for the Klamath Falls Resource Area is in its second year of implementation. Progress is noted in the Plan Implementation Summary for FY96 and Work Planned for FY97 sections.