

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Project Name: **Beaman Soup DM**

EA Number: OR125-04-06

Project Location: Lake Creek Subwatershed T23S, R09W, Sections 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 Will. Mer.

### Need for the Action:

To fulfill the BLM's mission and policy to maintain and enhance the long term health of the forest ecosystem, and to provide wood products and jobs for society in accordance with the Northwest Forest Plan and Coos Bay District's Resource Management Plan (RMP).

### Project Description:

The project would thin approximately 1600 acres of primarily Douglas-fir stands that are 32 to 63 years old. About 1400 acres would be density management thinning (DMT) in Riparian Reserves (RR) and Late-successional Reserves (LSR). About 200 acres would be commercial thinning (CT) in the General Forest Management Area (GFMA). Dense stands would be thinned by removing primarily the suppressed and intermediate stems. Excess trees from overstocked portions of the stands would be removed in timber sales tentatively planned for FY 2005 and FY 2006.

Harvest would be accomplished with a skyline cable, ground based, or helicopter logging system depending on road access, steepness of the terrain, and environmental impacts.

New road construction would consist of construction of temporary, semi-permanent roads, or permanent roads depending on management objectives. Road renovation would consist of clearing trees and brush, grading, and providing adequate drainage to older existing roads. Road improvement would consist of capital improvements, such as placing rock surfacing on existing dirt roads or adding culverts. Roads not needed for management would be decommissioned.

### Objectives:

1. Improve RR, LSR and GFMA stand structure by thinning out excess trees in overstocked stands to enhance the growth and vigor of the residual trees to provide larger and healthier trees for future management objectives.
2. Maintain or enhance biodiversity elements such as snags, down logs and species diversity.
3. Work towards the goals in the Transportation Management Objectives (TMO) by decommissioning problem roads or roads not needed for continued resource management.
4. Develop economically feasible timber sales for removing wood products derived from the project that will fund the treatments, help meet consumer demand for wood products, and help support the timber based economy.
5. Provide for habitat restoration projects where appropriate and within the scope of BLM regulatory authority.