

II. ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

Alternative I - No Action

Under this alternative, the silvicultural treatments needed to promote desired stand characteristics within Riparian Reserves and uplands of the Camas Analysis Area portion of LSR #261 would not be applied at this time (contra TM-1.c., S&G p. C-32). Implementation of road decommissioning/closure recommendations in the E. Fork Coquille Watershed Analysis (Appendix J) would also be deferred.

Alternative II - Proposed Action

This alternative would treat 784 acres through density management thinning. This includes treating portions of Riparian Reserves (255 acres) associated with units to be treated. No-treatment buffers would be applied to streams within or adjacent to thinning units as needed to maintain bank/slope stability and shade. Density management thinning would remove a portion of the stands to provide room for the remaining trees to maintain or increase diameter growth. Trees cut but surplus to habitat needs would be removed for commercial use (see Appendix 5). Stand densities would average 60-155 trees per acre after treatment. Treatments would be accomplished using a variety of ground-based, skyline cable, and helicopter systems. The proposed projects would include renovation/improvement of 2.3 miles of existing roads (all of which would be decommissioned after use) and decommissioning/closing an additional 2.4 miles of existing roads. This alternative would enhance structural diversity through density management and begin to restore some late-successional habitat lost through previous management activities. Design features include retaining existing snags and down logs, leaving additional down trees after treatment, creation of snags, and releasing selected dominant trees. This alternative would set the stage for subsequent treatments that would maintain desired overstory and understory growth rates, initiate additional understory vegetation, and create snags and CWD when and where necessary.

This alternative could be accomplished by timber sale contracts sold in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 and FY 2003, and/or service contracts, depending on funding. Appendix 2 contains detailed unit descriptions, Appendix 3 contains maps showing roads to be renovated and harvest system areas, and Appendix 4 contains road decommissioning and closure details.

Camas Analysis Area – LSR EA Alternative II – Proposed Action

R. 10
W. 10

R. 9
W. 9



T. 28 S.

T. 29 S.



-  Units Proposed for Density Management Within The LSR
-  Late Successional Reserve – BLM
-  Private Ownership
-  Section Number
-  Roads That Are No Longer Open For Travel
-  Roads and Road Numbers
-  Analysis Area Boundary