
ISSUES AND KEY QUESTIONS

What types of restoration efforts can BLM implement to improve fisheries/riparian habitats in both the long and short terms?

*See the **SPECIES and HABITAT: AQUATIC**, and the **DENSITY MANAGEMENT AND ATTAINMENT of RIPARIAN RESERVE FUNCTION** sections.*

In what order should we harvest units in the Matrix to keep fragmentation to a minimum?

*See the **SPECIES and HABITAT: WILDLIFE** sections.*

Which areas are the highest priorities for noxious weed treatment?

*See the **SPECIES AND HABITATS: NOXIOUS WEEDS** section.*

Which road segments should be closed, repaired, or modified to minimize management caused fine sediment delivery to the streams?

*See the **EROSION and AQUATIC CONSERVATION STRATEGY** sections for analysis useful for deciding which roads segments to close.*

Which culverts should we replace because they are either failing or undersized? Which culverts presently block fish passage within the Watershed?

*See the **SPECIES and HABITAT: AQUATIC** section. We may identify more culverts to replace after we complete additional culvert and habitat surveys in this Watershed. We have already replaced some culverts based on work in previous analyses. Other culvert replacement projects are at various stages of planning. This is briefly discussed in the **AQUATIC CONSERVATION STRATEGY** section.*

Where are the candidate areas for modifying the Riparian Reserve widths?

*See the **EROSION PROCESSES** section for identification of candidate areas based on slope stability. **ACS Appendix B Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives and Wildlife Species**, and **ACS Appendix C Aquatic Conservation and Botanical Species** identify the J2 species to survey for before we can modify the Interim Riparian Reserve widths. The final recommendations await site specific evaluation at the project scale.*

How will carrying out the Forest Plan affect our ability to attain the Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives?

*See the **AQUATIC CONSERVATION STRATEGY** section, and the **DENSITY MANAGEMENT and CONVERSION TREATMENTS and ATTAINMENT of RIPARIAN RESERVE FUNCTION** sections.*