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Dear Interested Citizen:

We recently completed an environmental assessment (EA) addressing our West Fork Illinois River Forest Management Project. This project is one of many that implements our 1995 Resource Management Plan (RMP). It addresses a range of activities and proposals from forest stand thinning to recreation, wildlife habitat enhancement, and fuel hazard reduction work. We have designed this project so that it conforms with the objectives of the RMP and with the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan. A map of the project area is enclosed.

We have placed the EA on our web site (www.or.blm.gov/Medford) under planning documents / environmental assessments should you wish to review and comment on it. If you do not have Internet access and would like to receive a paper copy of the EA, we will be happy to send you one upon request. The comment period will end on July 12, 2004.

Should you have questions about the project that are not addressed in the EA, please contact Frank Hoepfer at (541) 618-2390. Frank is our project planning team leader. If you would like to comment on the EA, please send them to me at the above address or e-mail them to us at or110mb@or.blm.gov. As I make my decisions regarding the project, I will consider all pertinent site specific comments. Comments that would be most useful are those that clearly articulate site specific issues or concerns.

If you would like to comment but confidentiality is of concern to you, you may request that we withhold your name and / or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Please state this clearly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All comments received from organizations or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We appreciate your interest and involvement in this project and thank you for your continuing interest in the resource management activities of the Bureau of Land Management and the Grants Pass Resource Area.

Sincerely,

Abbie Jossie
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Grants Pass Resource Area

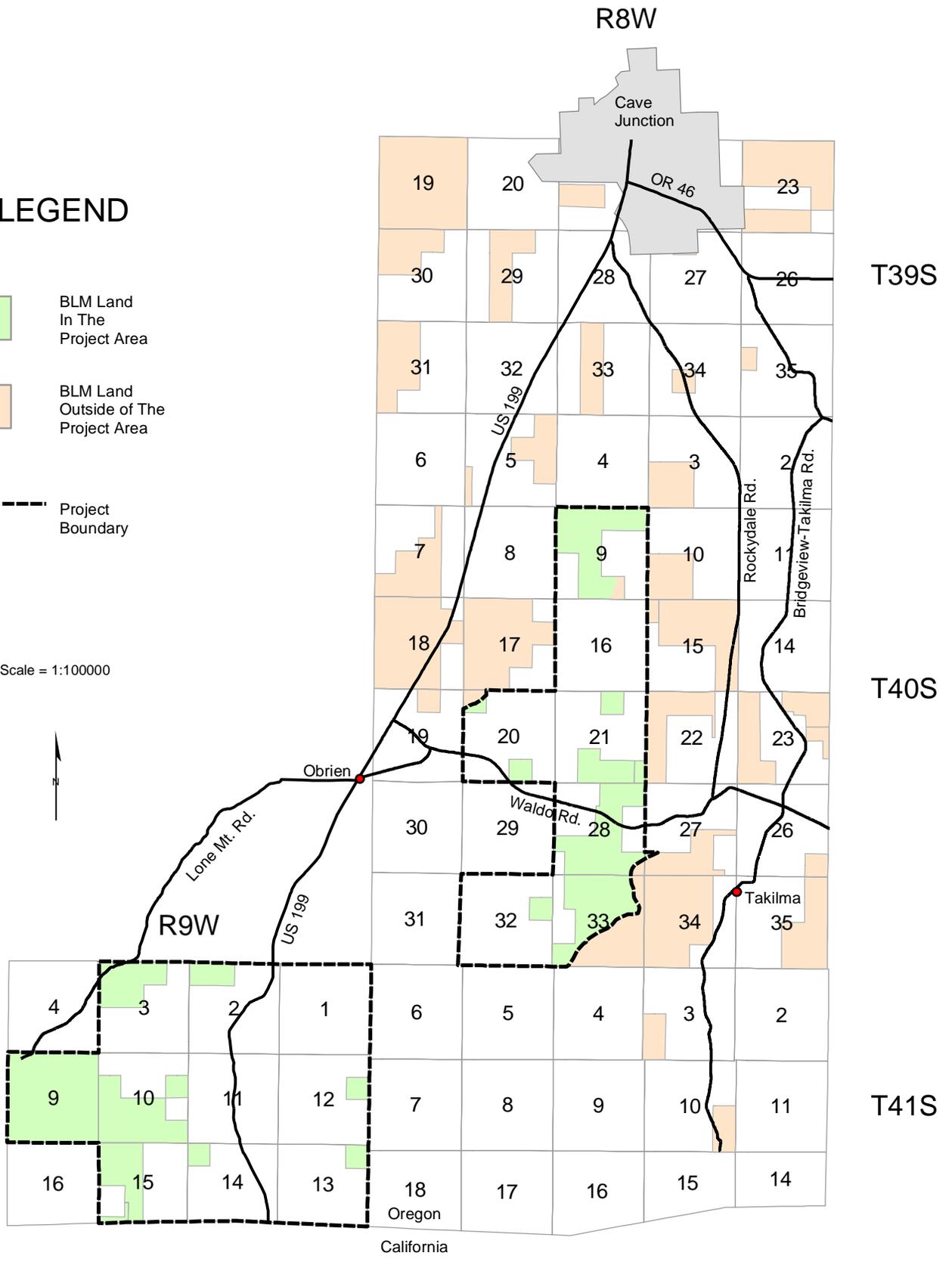
1 Attachment

1- Project Vicinity Map (1pp)

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-  BLM Land In The Project Area
-  BLM Land Outside of The Project Area
-  Project Boundary

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West Fork Illinois River Landscape Management Project Map 1 - Vicinity



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