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Dear Public Land User,

The primary purpose of Medford's Messenger is to keep you informed of ongoing and proposed activities on the Medford District. It contains listings of projects, by resource area, that have been completed recently and identifies newly proposed projects. It is our desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities we think are important to our publics. More importantly, we are seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our multiple-use management programs.

This planning update has been organized to give you a brief description of activities occurring in several programs, as well as description of new projects being considered by the district. Additional information can be obtained from the people listed in the descriptions. These contact people are familiar with their projects and are able to answer questions and provide more details on the projects. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas.

## **Resource Management Plan Evaluation**

The Resource Management Plan (RMP) will be formally evaluated every five years. Fiscal year 1998 was the last time the RMP was evaluated. Simultaneously with other western Oregon BLM Districts, Medford District has initiated the collection of supplemental information and analyses required for evaluating the RMP. The evaluation will be based on the implementation actions and plan, and project monitoring from April 1995 through September 2003. All of the supplemental analyses and RMP evaluations are expected to be completed by the spring of 2004, when they will be made available for public review. The State Director's findings will indicate whether or not the Western Oregon RMPs are individually or collectively still valid for continued management direction or will require plan amendments or revisions, together with appropriate environmental analyses and public participation.

## **Medford District Website**

Just a reminder to readers what is available on the Medford District website. Under the planning page you can find: Annual Program Summaries, the current Medford's Messenger, environmental assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan.

In order to keep printing costs down, if you no longer want to receive the Messenger please contact us and we will remove your name from the mailing list. For your convenience the Messenger is available on the Internet at [www.or.blm.gov/Medford/](http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/)

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it will be made available to the public on request.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this Planning Update including how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your interest in BLM's management of your Public Lands. If you have any questions on information in this Planning Update, stop by the office or call us at 541-618-2200.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy B. Reuwsaat  
District Manager

**ASHLAND RESOURCE AREA  
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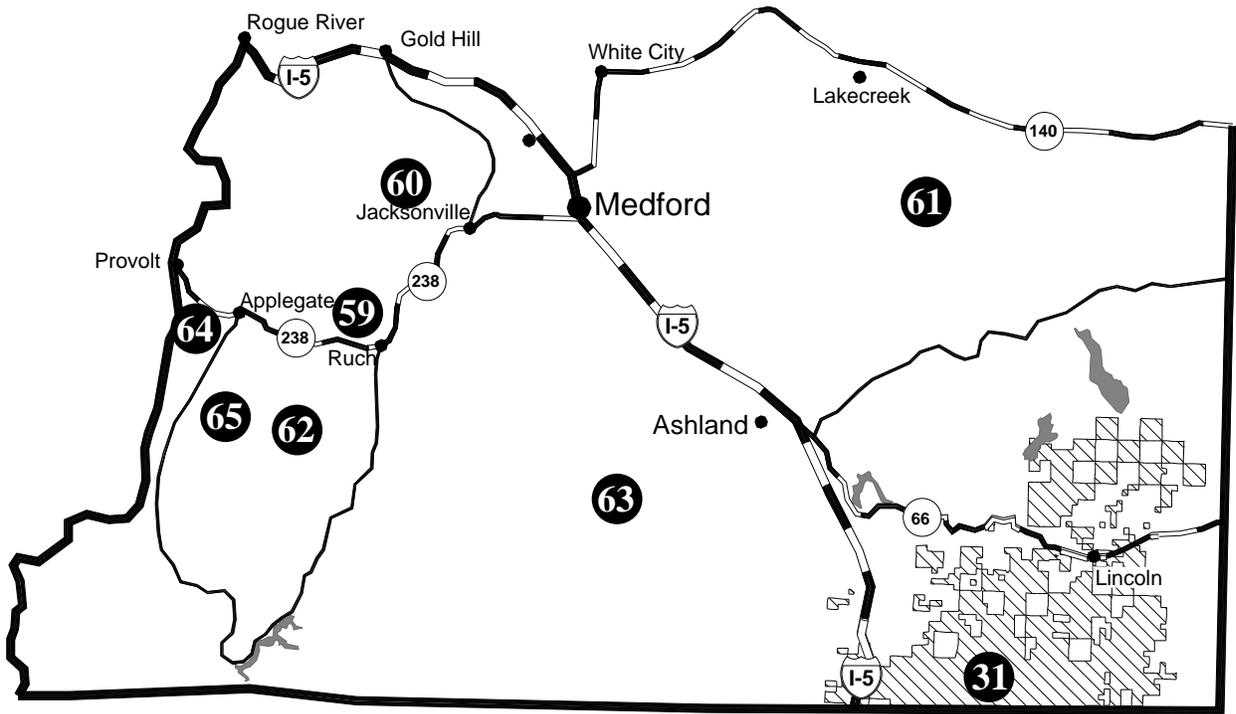
**NEW AND ONGOING PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	Completed	Completed	Completed	Winter 2005	Howard Hunter
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT STUDY OF LIVESTOCK IMPACTS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	N/A	On-going	N/A	Not a Decision Document	Howard Hunter
59. CHINA KEELER EA. A forest health treatment which involves many contracts	West of Ruch	Completed	On-going	Spring 2004	Summer 2004	Ed Reilly
60. TIMBER MTN/JOHN'S PEAK OHV PLAN/EIS (Draft). An activity level plan managing OHV.	West of Jacksonville	Completed	On-going	Winter 2004/05	Summer 2005	Kristi Mastrofini
61. GRAZING LEASE RENEWALS EA.	Little Butte Ck. Watershed	On-going	On-going	Fall 2004	Winter 2005	Kathy Minor
62. DEADMANS PALM EA. A forest health treatment which involves many contracts	Southwest of Ruch	Winter 2004	Spring-Summer 2004	Winter 2004	Winter 2004	Ed Reilly
63. BALD LICK PROJECT EA. A forest health treatment which involves many contracts	Little Applegate	On-going	On-going	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Kristi Mastrofini
65. WOODWARD MINING ACCESS ROAD EA. Temporary road (about 300 feet) construction to provide access to a mining claim.	Thompson Creek	On-going	On-going	Summer/Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Joe Hoppe

**RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
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64. JONES R/W EA. to modify an existing right-of-way grant to provide improved access to private property in the Ferris Gulch area.	Near Applegate	On-going	On-going	Complete	May 21, 2004	Joe Hoppe

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**Ashland Resource Area  
Projects**

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| <b>31</b> Cascade Siskiyou National Monument Management Plan/EIS | <b>62</b> Dead Man's Palm EA             |
| <b>59</b> China Keeler EA  | <b>63</b> Bald Lick EA                   |
| <b>60</b> Timber Mtn/John's Peak OHV Plan/EIS                    | <b>64</b> Jones R/W EA                   |
| <b>61</b> Grazing Lease Renewals EA                              | <b>65</b> Woodward Mining Access Road EA |

**BUTTE FALLS RESOURCE AREA  
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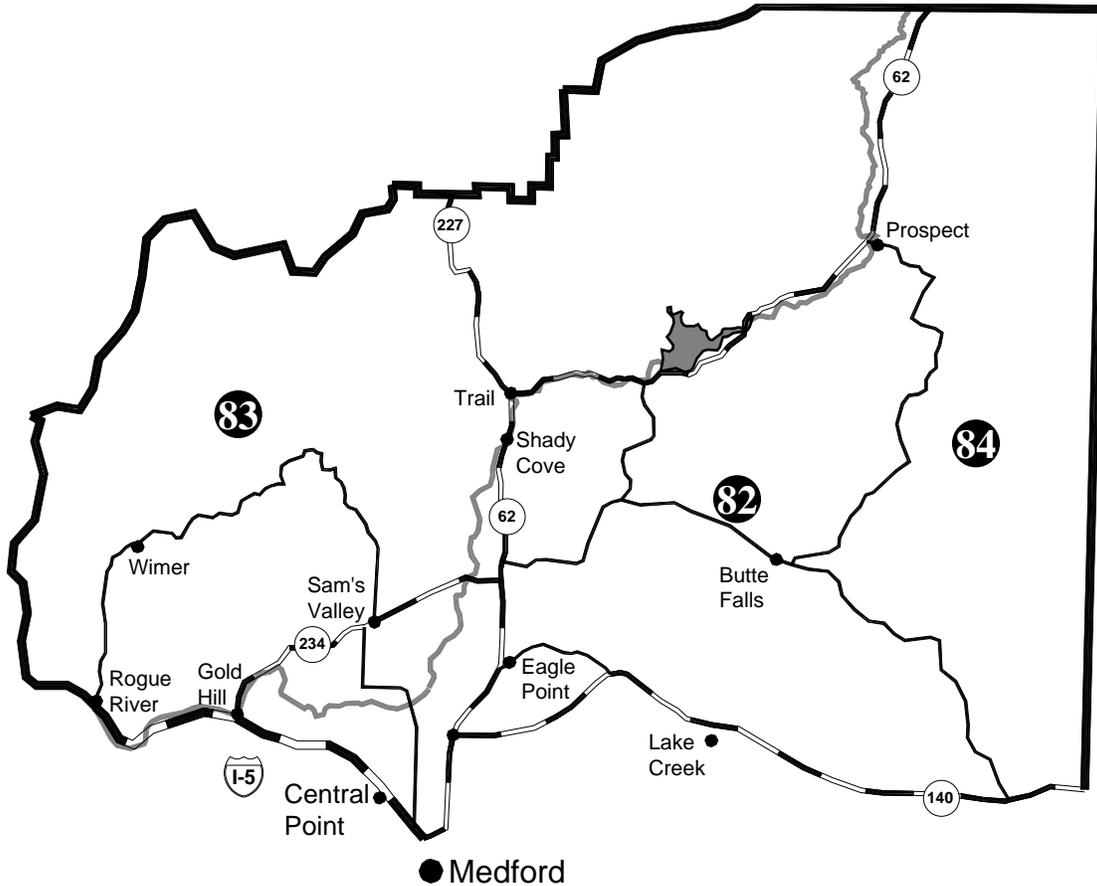
TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	CONTACT
81. TEN YEAR GRAZING AUTHORIZATION RENEWAL EA	Butte Falls Resource Area	Summer 2003	Summer 2003	Fall 2003	Spring 2004	Bob Budes

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**NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
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82. SUMMIT PRAIRIE GRAZING AUTHORIZATION RENEWAL EA	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2004	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Fall 2004	Bob Budes
83. SLICK SAND EA – (TIMBER SALE AND RESTORATION PROJECTS)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2004	Spring 2004	Fall 2004	Winter 2005	Jean Williams
84. CAMP CUR EA – (TIMBER SALE AND RESTORATION PROJECTS)	Butte Falls Resource Area	August 2004	Fall 2004	Winter 2005	Spring 2005	Jean Williams

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### Butte Falls Resource Area Projects

- 82** Summit Prairie Grazing Authorization  
Renewal EA
- 84** Camp Cur EA
- 83** Slick Sand EA

**GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA  
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**RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
36. KELSEY/WHISKY CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. A comprehensive EIS for proposed management actions in a large drainage to the Rogue River. Actions include fuel treatments, timber sales, wildlife habitat projects, road renovation, decommissioning, and other associated activities.	T33S, R8W	Completed	Completed	Completed	California Gulch TS (2004)	Sherwood Tubman

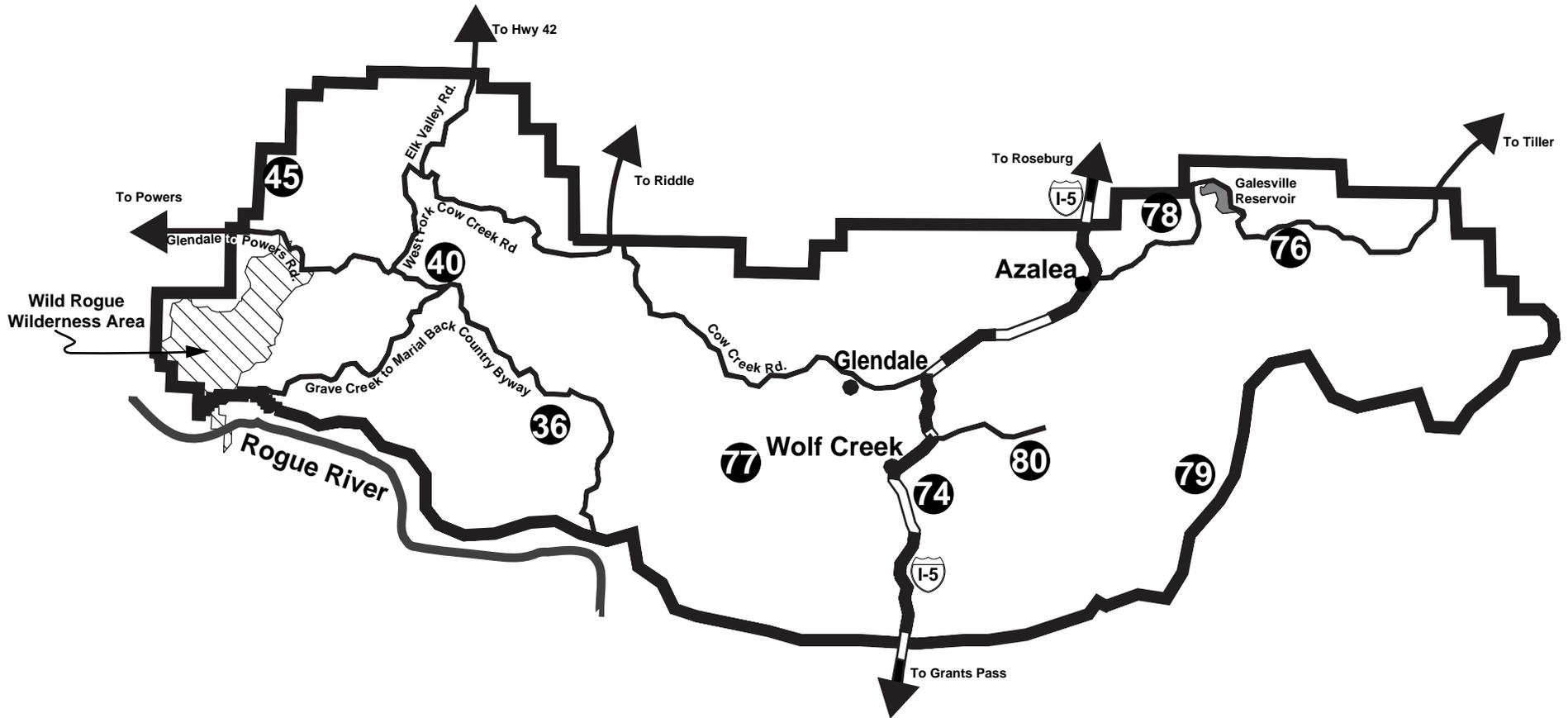
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**NEW PROJECTS WITHOUT SIGNED DECISIONS**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
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40. BOBBY CREEK RNA MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. A long-term management plan of a large block of old growth forest designated as a Research Natural Area.	T32S, R9W, secs. 2, 11.	Completed	Completed	May 2004	August 2004	Michelle Kohns
45. WILLY SLIDE TIMBER SALE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Planned timber sale in the Wilson and Slide Creek drainages, near the Wild Rogue wilderness area.	T32S, R10W, secs. 1, 12	Ongoing	May 2004	June 2004	Sept 2004	Martin Lew
68. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS AND HAULING PERMITS. Processing of individual requests from other public agencies and private parties for access through BLM managed lands.	Glendale Resource Area	2004	2004	2004	2004	Sondra Nolan

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74. FIVE ROGUES TIMBER SALE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed Timber Sale along the I-5 freeway adjacent to the communities of Sunny Valley and Wolf Creek.	Along the I-5 corridor in the Rogue Drainage	Ongoing	2004	2004	Summer 2004	Martin Lew
76. SLIM JIM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Habitat development in the Galesville Late Successional Reserve through commercial density management treatments. Other harvest treatments will be proposed in adjacent Matrix lands.	Upper Cow Creek watershed. South Umpqua Galesville Late Successional Reserve.	2004	2004	2005	2005	Sherwood Tubman
77. O&C RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT MARGARET & WILLIAM LEE ROAD CONSTRUCTION. Proposed right-of-way permit to construct 500 ft of road and reconstruct 500 ft of road for private land owner to access property. Hauling permit to remove 7-8 trees to build previous stated road.	T33S, R7W, Section 27	Completed	Completed	April 2004	Sept 2004	Sondra Nolan
78. MAPLE CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed right-of-way permit for Swanson Group to access their land.	T31S-R3W-Section 29	Completed	Ongoing	August 2004	Sept 2004	Sondra Nolan
79. FOG-CUTTER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Mining claimants have proposed excavation for test pit mining.	T33S, R4W, Section 15	Completed	August 2004	August 2004	August 2004	Michelle Kohns
80. KING PETE. Proposed timber sale within 4-6 miles east of the town of Wolf Creek. Treatments include timber harvest, thinning treatments, and fuels reduction.	T 33S, R 5W, sections 3, 10, 27, 28, and 30	Completed	August 2004	September 2004	October 2004	Michelle Kohns

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**Glendale Resource Area  
Projects**

- 36** Kelsey Whisky EIS
- 40** Bobby Creek RNA Management Plan
- 45** Willy Slide Timber Sale
- 74** Five Rogues Timber Sale
- 76** Slim Jim EA
- 77** O&C ROW Permit Margaret & William Lee Road Construction
- 78** Maple Creek EA
- 79** Fog-Cutter EA
- 80** King Pete Timber Sale

**GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA  
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**RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED OR PROJECTS DROPPED**

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10. HELLGATE RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ROGUE RIVER: The management plan for the recreation section of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River is being updated through an EIS.	Recreation section of the Rogue River from the Applegate River to Grave Creek.	Notice in the Federal Register July 2004				Cori Cooper
95. KAMPS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 18	Decision signed June 2004				Russ Groves
137. GALICE CREEK SLIDE REMOVAL #2 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R8W, Sec. 4	Decision signed July 2004				Jim Roper
149. 2004 CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R7W, Sec34 T39S,R7W,Sec. 5 T37,R7W, Sec 5 T37S,R7W,Sec 31 T38S,R8W, Sec 13	Decision signed July 2004				Paul Podesta
158. RAMOS WATERLINE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S, R7W, Sec 35, 36	Decision signed July 2004				Russ Groves

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**NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED OR PROJECTS IN PLANNING**

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83. UPPER ILLINOIS RIVER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (Joint EIS with US Forest Service)	T40S,R8W, Sec 23,24,26, 27,28,33,34,35 T41S,R8W, Sec 3,10	Completed	Ongoing	Undetermined	Undetermined	Doug Parker
91. BIRDSEYE JONES FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T36S,R4W, Sec 2,3,4,9,10, 28,29,31,32 T37S,R4W, Sec 5,6,7	Completed	Feb 2004	June/July 2004	August 2004	Tom Dierkes

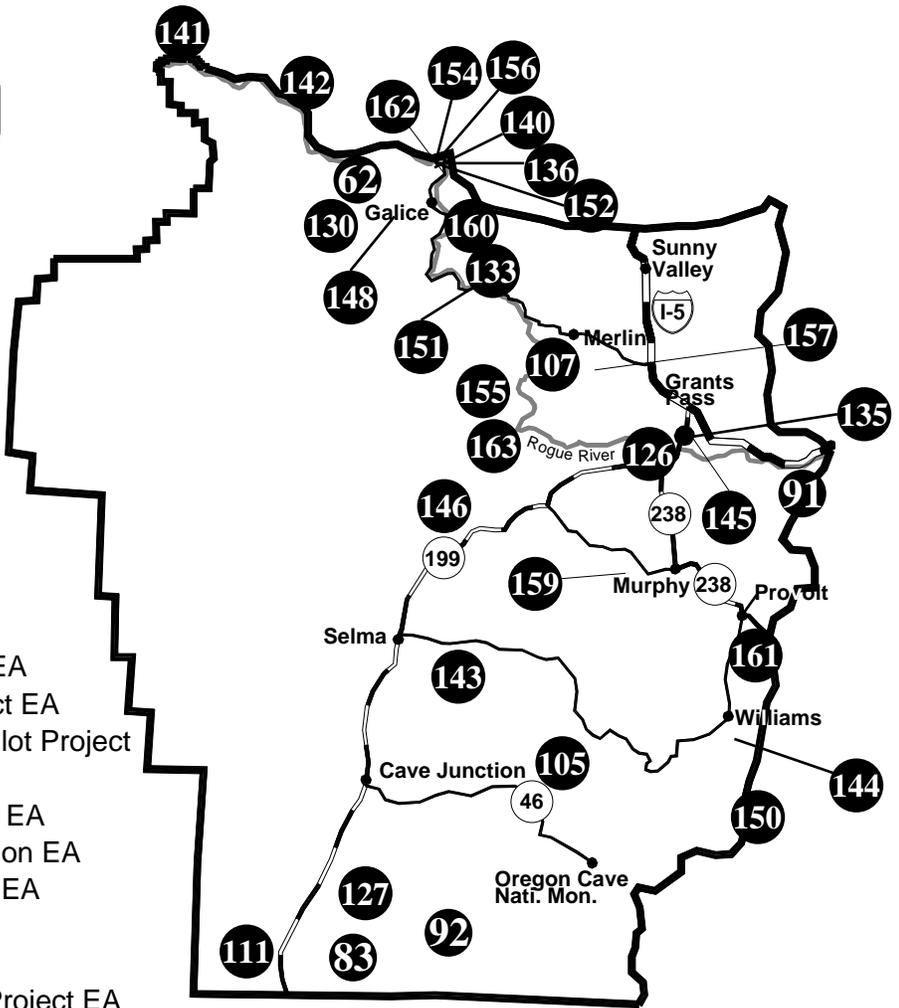
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92. ALTHOUSE FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R7W, Sec26,27,34,35 T40S,R7W, Sec 3,4,5,8,9, 10,11,14,15,17,18 T40S,R8W, Sec 13,23	Completed	On-going	Winter 2004/5	Spring 2005	Frank Hoyer
107. WILDLIFE IMAGES R&PP LEASE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W, Sec 25,36	On Hold				Russell Groves
111. WEST FORK ILLINOIS FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 9,10,13, 15, 20,21,22,28,32,33 T41S,R9W, Sec 2,3,9,10,12, 13,14,15	Completed	On-going	June/July 2004	October 2004	Frank Hoyer
126. ROGUE WILD & SCENIC RIVER (HELLGATE RECREATION SECTION) TOILET INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	Rogue Wild & Scenic River (Hellgate Recreation Section)	Completed	On-going	Spring 2005	Spring 2005	Chris Dent
127. FRENCH FLAT ACEC MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T40S,R8W, Sec 10,15	Completed	On Hold			Linda Mazzu
130. NORTH FORK SILVER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	N Fork Silver Creek Area of the Biscuit Fire	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Doug Henry
135. CATHEDRAL HILLS MANAGEMENT PLAN ENVIRONMENT ASSESSMENT (Title II project)	T37,R5W, Sec 31	Completed	On-going	Spring 2005	Spring 2005	Jeanne Klein
140. RAND ADMINISTRATIVE SITE MAINTENANCE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R8W, Sec 24	---	On-going	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	John Bethea
141. ROGUE RIVER RANCH MAINTENANCE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R10W, Sec 9	---	On-going	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	John Bethea
142. ROGUE RIVER TRAIL MAINTENANCE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Title II)	Wild Section – Rogue Wild & Scenic River	---	On-going	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	John Bethea
143. SOUTH DEER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S,R7W, Sec 14-27 T38S,R8W, Sec 13,25 T39S,R7W, Sec 3-10 T39S,R8W, Sec 1	On-going	On-going	Winter 2004/5	Spring 2005	Frank Hoyer
144. EAST FORK WILLIAMS CREEK FISH PASSAGE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Title II)	T39S,R5W, Sec 23	--	On-going	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Stephanie Messerle
146. BEAR - WATERS RESTORATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Title II)	T37S,R7W, Sec 5	--	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Stephanie Messerle
148. GALICE CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R8W, Sec 2,3	Spring 2004	August 2004	August 2004	September 2004	Mike Matthews

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150. KERBY PEAK TRAIL REROUTE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T39S,R6W, Sec 31 T39S,R6W, Sec. 5,6	Summer 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Jim Roper
151. HELLGATE OVERLOOK RENOVATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W, Sec 9	August 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Cori Cooper
152. ROCKY BAR RECREATION SITE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R8W, Sec 36	August 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Cori Cooper
153. RIVER CORRIDOR VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	Rogue River - Hellgate Recreation Section	Summer 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Chris Dent
154. RAND EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R4W, Sec 24	Completed	Fall 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	John Bethea
155. HUSSEY LANE DAY USE SITE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S,R7W, Sec 26	August 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Cori Cooper
156. RAND CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S,R4W, Sec 24	On Hold				Cori Cooper
157. WHITE FIR FUELS REDUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T35S, R6W, Sec 33	May 2004	Summer 2004	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Tim Gonzales
159. IRON CREEK RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T37S, R6W, Sec 23	Completed	August 2004	August 2004	August 2004	Dave Allen
160. WEST ASH GULCH RIGHT-OF-WAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S, R7W, Sec 20	Completed	August 2004	August 2004	September 2004	Dave Allen
161. BOTROFF QUARRY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T38S, R5W, Sec 13	Completed	September 2004	September 2004	September 2004	Dave Allen
162. RAND WELL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T34S, R4W, Sec 24	Completed	Fall 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	John Bethea
163. RODRIGUEZ DRAIN FIELD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	T36S, R7W, Sec 14	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Winter 2004/5	Winter 2004/5	Russ Groves

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## Grants Pass Resource Area Projects

- 83 Upper Illinois River Landscape Mgmt Projects EIS
- 91 Birdseye Jones Forest Mgmt Project EA
- 92 Althouse Forest Management Project EA
- 105 Holland Loop Forest Mgmt Project EA
- 107 Wildlife Images R&PP Lease EA
- 111 West Fork Illinois Forest Management Project EA
- 126 Hellgate Recreation Section Toilet Installation EA
- 127 French Flat ACEC Management Plan EA
- 130 North Fork Silver Cr Restoration Project EA
- 133 Rogue River Fuel Hazard Reduction Pilot Project EA
- 135 Cathedral Hills Trail Relocation Project EA
- 136 Smullin Visitor Center at Rand Expansion EA
- 140 Rand Administrative Site Maintenance EA
- 141 Rogue River Ranch Maintenance EA
- 142 Rogue River Trail Maintenance EA
- 143 South Deer Landscape Management Project EA
- 144 East Fork Williams Creek Fish Passage EA
- 145 Urban Interface Fuels Reduction Project (Wild Rose) EA
- 146 Bear Creek/Waters Creek: Creek Restoration EA (Title II)
- 148 Galice Creek Fish Passage Project EA
- 150 Kerby Peak Trail Re-Route EA
- 151 Hellgate Overlook Renovation EA
- 152 Rocky Bar Recreation Site Development EA
- 153 River Corridor Vehicle Access Control Plan EA (Hellgate Recreation Section)
- 154 Rand Equipment Storage Area EA
- 155 Hussey Lane Day Use Site EA
- 156 Rand Campground Development EA
- 157 White Fir Fuels Reduction EA
- 159 Iron Creek ROW EA
- 160 West Ash Gulch ROW EA
- 161 Botroff Quarry EA
- 162 Rand Well EA
- 163 Rodriguez Drain Field EA





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