

# NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN

## *Fiscal Year 1999 Report*

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# ROSEBURG DISTRICT

The Roseburg District continued to implement the Northwest Forest Plan with projects and activities across both the Swiftwater Resource Area and the South River Resource Area. As part of the Jobs-in-the-Woods program, projects included replacement of four big culverts for sediment prevention and fish passage, one diversion dam to facilitate upstream fish migration, road decommissioning, and rock stockpiling for road improvement.



The District increased its efforts in FY99 to address fisheries issues related to Threatened and Endangered anadromous salmonids. Major duties were divided between aquatic habitat inventory, restoration, Watershed Analysis, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation, timber sale review and Section 7 Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service

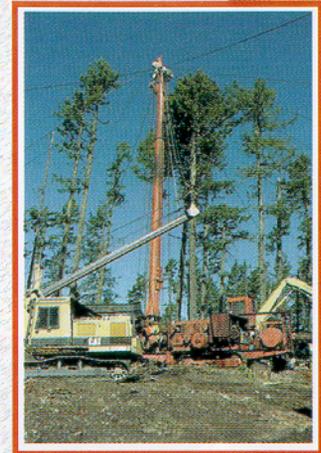
(NMFS). The District continued to operate six rotary screw smolt traps to assess juvenile populations and fisheries personnel reviewed approximately 300 stream miles to determine the presence, absence, and relative abundance of salmon and trout species within priority areas. Efforts to identify and eliminate barriers and/or impediments to salmon and trout migration are ongoing.

Recreation projects kept both areas busy this year. The Swiftwater Area built two new pavilions in the Tye and Rock Creek Campground and also constructed a parking lot, repaired trails for water restoration and improved the viewing area at Susan Creek Falls. The South River Area has acquired land for the Cow Creek Kiosk site which is now published in the 1999 Scenic Byway Guide as an Oregon State Tour Route. A new day use area including picnic tables, a parking lot and restrooms have been built at the Island Creek Area along the Tour Route. And four current and proposed recreation sites have been withdrawn for mineral entry to allow for protection of resources but will remain open for use by the public.

The District expanded its noxious weed control program including surveys that located three new weed species which now brings the total to 24 undesirable plants. Control work included locating, pulling and spraying weeds which in turn enhanced wildlife habitat, preserved native plant communities, protected rare plant sites, improved safety and provided work for the Northwest Youth Corps and area contractors. Two focal points of the year were the introduction of a new weevil that eats Scotch broom seeds and the discovery of Portugese broom, a new invader to Oregon.

District Botanists conducted surveys on approximately 3,500 areas, including 500 Acres of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). A total of 492 Survey & Manage sites were located bringing the total number of sites on the District to 1,437. A total of 16 special status plants were located bringing the total number of sites to 332 on District. Prescribed burns were conducted at two locations to improve habitat for two special status plants, *Calochortus umpquaensis* and *Calochortus coxii*.

This year the District has actively sought to create partnerships and job opportunities with agencies and organizations that are helping young people develop knowledge and skills for their future. The Northwest Youth Corps has helped in a variety of areas including planting Port Orford Cedar, pruning and tagging Douglas fir trees, dismantling undesirable structures and pulling noxious weeds in accordance with our Integrated Weed Management program. The District sponsored two foreign exchange students, one USDI diversity intern student, two "Mentor Program" students and one "Resource Apprentice Program" student through the Umpqua Training and Employment organization, one volunteer through Umpqua Community College Jobs Program, a crew from the Phoenix School that focuses on environmental education and resource management and a crew from Oregon Youth Conservation Corps. Each participant in both our student and volunteer programs had an opportunity to explore and learn along side professionals in several disciplines, enriching their choices and opportunities for the future.



## ROSEBURG

Timber Volume - Harvested (MMBF)	38.9
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Timber Value - Harvested	\$18,500,000
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Acres Planted	628
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Seedlings Planted (Thousands)	311
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