

LOUIS WEAVER TIMBER SALE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
EA# OR105-96-04
Decision Documentation

Bureau of Land Management-Roseburg District
South Douglas Resource Area
Date Prepared: August 1, 1996

Decision:

It is my decision to authorize cable harvest of approximately 9.0 MMBF of timber from approximately 314 acres (Alternative #2) in T28S R3W Sections 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31 & 32. The harvest is located in GFMA and Connectivity. The sale date for Units 1-6 is set for August 24, 1996 and the expected implementation date is the summer of 1997. Units 7-9 are planned for sale in fiscal year 1997.

There will be approximately 1.1 miles of unsurfaced, temporary road construction which will be decommissioned after use. Decommissioning would include tilling with a winged subsoiler, revegetation for erosion control and restoration of site productivity. Approximately ten miles of road would be renovated. No roads would be constructed in Riparian Reserves. Site preparation recommendations are to: broadcast burn Units 1, 2, 7 and 9 and hand clear Units 3-6 and 8. Specific site preparation methods would be reevaluated after harvest. Harvest units will be planted within one year of the completion of site preparation.

Rationale for Decision:

The decision is based on the following objectives; alternative two applies the ecosystem management approach as outlined in the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (ROD) and meets the objectives for Matrix lands as stated in the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP, p. 33). The sale will contribute to the allowable sale quantity (ASQ) (ROD/RMP, p. 60) for the resource area as originally proposed. The no action alternative would not meet the above objectives.

In addition, all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm have been adopted. The project design features (mitigation) identified for the proposed action, are listed on pages 3-4 of the environmental assessment (EA) and will be formulated into contract stipulations and applied during sale layout and implementation. Best Management Practices (ROD/RMP, Appendix D) will be implemented. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives would be met by restoring and maintaining the ecological health of the watersheds and aquatic ecosystems within them on public lands. Impacts are not expected to exceed those discussed in the RMP (Vol. I, p. 4-7 thru 4-99). The harvest would not result in any significant environmental impacts, and is in conformance with the Standards and Guidelines and the ROD/RMP for the Roseburg District.

No issues were identified by other agencies, Native Americans, nor the public during the

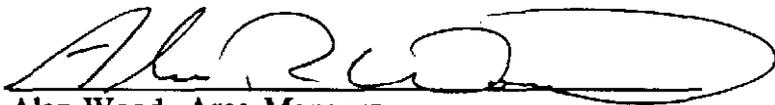
scoping process. In response to the scoping letter, one letter was received from a member of the public in opposition to the harvest of the timber in the vicinity of her property. The same individual commented during the public review period. Comments were also received from an Assistant District Wildlife Biologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments were considered during the development of this decision. There was also one request to be sent a copy of the EA and decision.

Compliance and Monitoring:

Monitoring would be conducted as per the guidance given in the ROD/RMP (Appendix I).

Protest and Appeal Procedures:

Public Law 104-19 (July 27, 1995) states that salvage timber sales and timber sales covered by Option 9 "shall not be subject to administrative review". This bill supersedes 43 CFR Subpart 5003 - Administrative Remedies. Protests must be filed in the appropriate U.S. district court within 15 days of the first publication of the sale notice. The sale notice is planned to appear in the News Review on August 27, 1996.



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8-2-96
Date