

OLD DILLARD TIMBER SALE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
South Douglas Resource Area
EA# OR105-95-07

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Finding of No Significant Impact

The South Douglas Resource Area, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management, has completed the environmental analysis on the Old Dillard Timber Sale located in T28S R7W Section 31 and T29 & 29½S R6W Section 31. Two alternatives were analyzed: the no action and the proposed action (Alternative 2). Alternative 2 is described in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA, p.5).

There were no cultural resources identified in the sale area, and it is not within the proximity of park lands, prime farmlands, or wild and scenic rivers. The wet areas in the sale area are less than one acre in size and would be given additional protection from disturbance by retaining timber directly adjacent to the areas. The timber that is harvested in the vicinity, would be felled away from these areas. Intermittent streams are encompassed within Riparian Reserves. These mitigations assure that no unique characteristics would be impacted (CEQ Regulations, section 1508.27(b)(3 & 8)).

No special status plant species were identified in the sale area, and there are no fish bearing streams within the boundaries of the proposed sale area. Thus, there would be no significant impacts to any special status plants, nor the Umpqua basin cutthroat trout or coho.

Suitable northern spotted owl habitat would be removed from within 1.3 miles of two owl sites. Both sites are below the 1336 acre threshold for "incidental take" of a listed species and is considered a "may affect" and required consultation with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Prior to harvest, suitable habitat within 0.7 miles of one site is below the 500 acre threshold, and would be further reduced. Dispersal habitat would also be reduced in two quarter townships. No significant adverse impacts would occur to the spotted owl or other special status species (CEQ, section 1508.27(b)(9)). The Marbled Murrelet, bald eagle, and peregrine falcon have not been observed in the sale area and the sale area is beyond the range of the Columbian White-tailed Deer.

Of the ten points under section 1508.27(b), the following will not be discussed further in this document, because there are no: significant effects on public health or safety; highly uncertain or unknown risks; precedents for future actions; and no violations of Federal, State, or local laws.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA (pp. 12-16), I have determined that Alternative 2 will not have significant impacts on the human environment and an environmental impact statement is not required. The project is in conformance with the

Roseburg District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) approved by the Oregon/Washington State Director on June 2, 1995. The Aquatic Conservation Strategy will be met or exceeded (RMP, p. 19). The Best Management Practices (BMP's) listed in the RMP (p.129-143) were used to develop project design features to mitigate impacts.



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