

# **Roseburg District BLM Planning Update**

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Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. If you wish to comment on the "Previous Planning Update Action Items" beginning on page 7, please send written comments during the public comment period for the specific environmental assessment. Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these projects.

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Thank you for your continued interest.

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## **Categorical Exclusions**

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### ***South River Field Office***

- Amendment to existing Right-of-Way grant for Oregon Department of Forestry siting of a radio transmitter on Canyon Mountain
- Right-of-Way to American Tower Corporation for a buried telephone cable on Canyon Mountain

### ***Swiftwater Field Office***

- Coons Temporary Log Haul Permit.
- Bit-a-honey Machine Piling Project.
- Phillips Temporary Log Haul permit.
- Special Recreation Use Permit issued to Street Memories - 1 day car show at Millpond.
- Weyco Temporary Road Crossing Plat.
- Lone Rock Timber Co. Mt. Scott 2 Crossing Plat.

## **Watershed Analysis Status**

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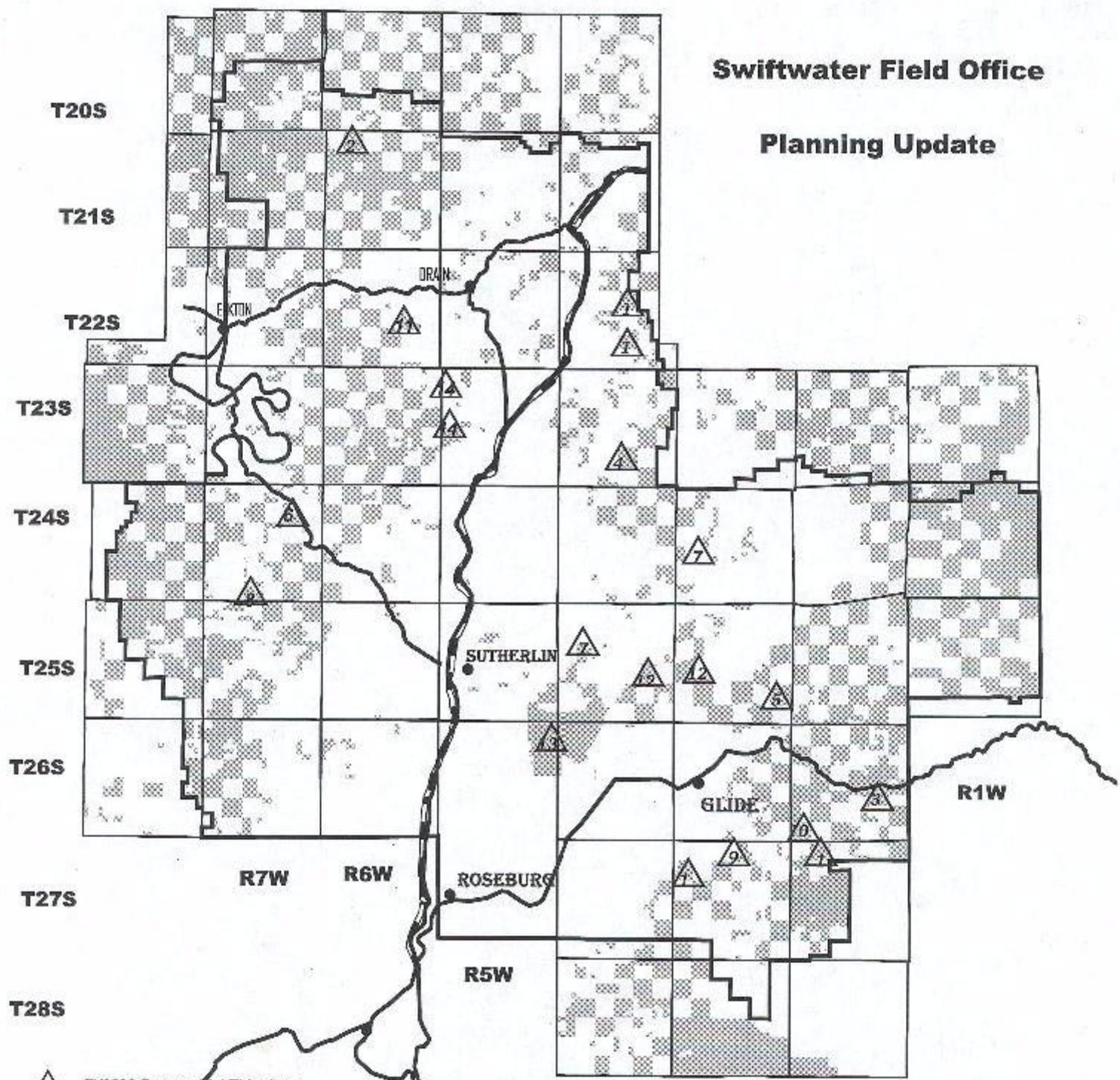
### ***South River Field Office***

Work on a second iteration of watershed analysis for the South Umpqua River watershed is continuing. This analysis consists of the consolidation and updating of the information from previous analyses for the Canyonville/Canyon Creek, Shively O'Shea/Stouts-Poole, and John-Days-Coffee watershed analysis units. Completion is anticipated on or about December 31, 2000.

# Roseburg District - Bureau of Land Management

Swiftwater Field Office

Planning Update



-  FY2000 Commercial Thinnings
-  Smith River Restoration
-  Susan Creek Exchange
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-  North Bank Habitat Management Area Environmental Impact Statement
-  Pipeline Regeneration Harvest

## **New Area Projects**

### ***Swiftwater Field Office***

**Eagleview Campground** - Project is being reopened.

**Description:**

- Conversion of formerly leased camp area (1948 - 1992) into a public access camp area.
- Project is in Late Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve.
- Background Analysis found in the Middle Umpqua Frontal Watershed analysis.

**Location:** T24S, R7W, Section 11.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Decision and Public Review:** To be reopened in November.

### **Millpond Group Campsite**

**Description:**

- Construct a group reservation camping area.
- Construct associated structures and facilities.
- Background Analysis found in Rock Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T25S, R2W, Section 21.

**Issue Identification:** Expected by January 1, 2001.

**Analysis:** Expected February 1, 2001.

**Public Review:** Expected March 1, 2001.

### **Upper Umpqua Watershed Analysis**

**Description:**

- Develop an analysis that will combine all the watershed analyses that have been completed on the subwatersheds of the Upper Umpqua 5<sup>th</sup> field watershed into a single watershed analysis.

**Location:** Umpqua River and its tributaries from the confluence of the North and South Umpqua River (River Forks Park) to the confluence of Umpqua River with Elk Creek (near the town of Elkton, OR).

**Expected Completion:** February, 2001.

### **Stream Crossing Project EA**

**Description:**

- Reduce or eliminate stream crossings from being a direct source of sedimentation to streams.
- Provide for unobstructed movement of aquatic fauna.

**Location:** The project would range throughout the Swiftwater Resource Area, crossings being selected by priority.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Expected by January 15, 2001.

**Public Review:** Expected by February 1, 2001.

## **Susan Creek Exchange**

### **Description:**

- Exchange an isolated BLM parcel containing approximately 68 acres of public domain land located near the mouth of the Umpqua River, near the south jetty, in Coos Bay BLM District for land of equal value located within the North Umpqua River Wild and Scenic River Corridor in the Roseburg BLM District.
- All parcels are located in Douglas County.
- Background Analysis found in Roseburg District Old Fairview Watershed Analysis and Coos Bay District Lower Umpqua Frontal Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T22S, R13W, Section 13, Lot 1 SWNW; 68 acres; T26S, R2W, Section 14, S2SWSESE; 10 acres; T26S, R2W, Section 23, part lot 4 between highway 138 and North Umpqua River; 17.5 acres; T26S, R2W, Section 24, strip 100 feet wide adjacent to high water line along both the north and south banks of the North Umpqua River; 18 acres

**Issue Identification:** Expected in 2001.

**Analysis:** Expected in 2001.

**Public Review:** Expected in 2002.

## **Gallagher Thinning**

Initiation in November 2000.

## **FY 2001 Thinnings (Timothy Ridge, Bonanza)**

### **Description:**

- Commercial thinning on an estimated 545 acres.
- Background analysis found in the Calapooya Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T24S, R3W Section17; and T25S, R4W, Section17

**Issue Identification:** Began Oct. 11, 2000.

**Analysis:** Expected by January 31, 2001.

**Public Review:** Expected by February 28, 2001.

## **Wolf/Miner Creek Instream Structures and Culvert Replacement**

### **Issue Identification:**

Initiation February 2001.

## **FY2000 Thinnings (Off Little River, Upper Eastside, Bearbuck)**

**Note - this project has been renamed CT2000**

### **Description:**

- Commercial thinning on an estimated 545 acres.
- Project is in Connectivity and Little River adaptive Management Area (AMA).
- Background analysis found in Elk Creek 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Analysis (WA), Upper Coast Fork Willamette 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Analysis, and the Little River 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T27S, R3W, Secs. 1,7; T22S, R4W, Secs. 9,27; T21S, R4W, Secs. 23, 27, 35

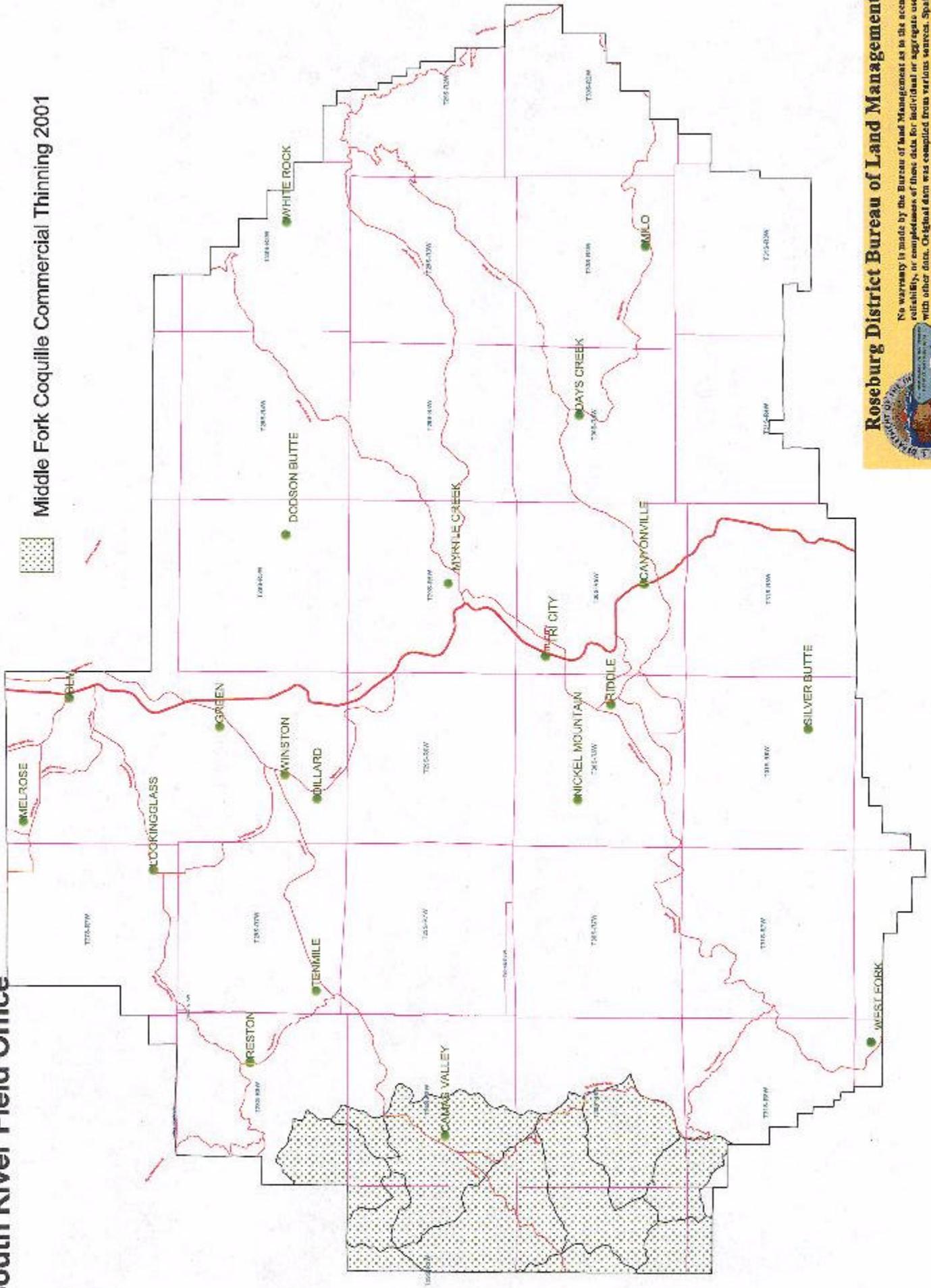
**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Expected by December 31, 2000.

**Public Review:** Expected by January 31, 2001.

# Roseburg District BLM South River Field Office

## Middle Fork Coquille Commercial Thinning 2001



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South River Resource Area GIS

## ***South River Field Office***

The South River Field Office initiated an environmental assessment for commercial thinning on October 4, 2000. The Middle Fork Coquille Thinning 2001 assessment will analyze the suitability of approximately 1,035 acres of dense, second-growth stands for treatment. These stands are primarily located within the Matrix land use allocations, but also include lands allocated as Riparian Reserves. Density management within Riparian Reserves would only be conducted where it would provide desirable vegetative characteristics and demonstrable benefits to the aquatic environment. It is anticipated that the analysis will yield approximately 10 million board feet of timber, tentatively scheduled for sale in fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

## **Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items**

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### ***Swiftwater Field Office***

#### **Smith River Restoration**

##### **Description:**

- Restoration of the Upper & Middle Smith River subwatersheds.
- Reduce road impacts that are high risk to streams, water quality, and aquatics.
- List and decommission roads with other management activities.
- Enhance habitat.

**Location:** Upper & Middle Smith R. Sub-basins.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Decision:** A partial decision is signed for road decommissioning and culvert replacement.

Other decisions will be signed in the future to address other aspects of the analysis. The public will be notified as these decisions are made possible.

#### **Shingle Lane Regen & Commercial Thinning**

##### **Description:**

- Regeneration harvest on an estimated 30 acres and commercial thinning on an estimated 225 acres.
- Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area).
- Background Analysis: Elk Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T23S, R4W, Sec. 27

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

**Public Review:** To be announced.

## **Watson Mountain**

### **Description:**

- A sub-watershed level project that includes: Mariposa Lily habitat enhancement, commercial thinning, fertilization, Jim and Fall Creek roadwork, slide stabilization, control of noxious weeds and regeneration timber harvest.
- Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T25S, R1W, Secs. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35; Little River Adaptive Management Area

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

**Public Review:** To be announced.

## **Powell Creek**

### **Description:**

- A regeneration harvest on an estimated 52 ac.
- Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area) and is in the Rural Interface Area.
- Background Analysis: No Watershed Analysis (not required).

**Location:** T25S, R7W, Sec. 5

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

## **Pipeline**

### **Description:**

- Regeneration harvest on approximately 225 ac.
- Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block).
- Background Analysis: Brush Creek-Hayhurst Valley-Yoncalla Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T23S, R5W, Secs. 7, 19, 21; T23, R6W, Secs. 1, 13

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Completed.

**Decision:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

## **What-a-Gas**

### **Description:**

- Regeneration harvest on an estimated 195 ac.
- Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area and connectivity/Diversity Block).
- Background Analysis: No Watershed Analysis (not required).

**Location:** T25S, R3W, Secs. 7,17, 19; T25S, R4W, Sec 13

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Completed.

**Decision:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

## **Green Thunder**

### **Description:**

- Regeneration and Commercial Thinning harvest in the Little River Adaptive Mgmt. Area.
- Approximately 215 ac. of regeneration and 325 ac. of commercial thinning is proposed.
- Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T26S, R2W, Secs. 31, 33; T26S, R3W, Sec. 25; Little River Adaptive Management Area and Middle, North Umpqua 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed

**Issue Identification:** Completed

**Analysis:** Completed

**Public Review:** Completed

**Decision:** Awaiting resolution of litigation.

## **Bear Hill**

### **Description:**

- Regeneration harvest in Matrix.
- Approximately 50 ac. Are proposed.
- Background Analysis: Brush Creek-Hayhurst Valley-Yoncalla Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T22S, R6W, Sec. 23

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Awaiting resolution of the appeal of litigation.

**Public Review:** To be announced.

## **Tyee Mountain**

Project is deferred for other priorities.

## **North Bank Habitat Management Area**

### **Description:**

- This project was developed previously as an Environmental Analysis (EA). An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Habitat Management Plan is being prepared for the management of this area for Columbian white-tailed deer as well as other sensitive plants and animals.
- Background Analysis: North Bank Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T25S, R4W, Secs. 31, 33; T25S, R5W, Secs. 35, 36; T26S, R4W, Secs. 4, 8, 17, 19; T26S, R5W, Secs. 1, 3, 10, 14, 23, 26

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Extended to November 6, 2000.

**Decision Date:** Expected after December 31, 2000.

## ***South River Field Office***

### **South River Commercial Thinning 2000**

**Description:**

- Matrix. Commercial thinning of approximately 300 acres of managed second-growth stands generating approximately 5,590 hundred cubic feet (CCF) of merchantable timber volume scheduled to be sold in fiscal years 2001 and 2002

**Location:** East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille River; T28S, R8W, Sec. 19; South Umpqua River; T29S, R3W, Sec. 13 and 24, and T30S, R3W, Sec. 3 and 4; and Upper South Umpqua River; T29S, R2W, Sec. 19 and T30S, R2W, Sec. 9.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Completion expected by January, 2000.

**Public Review:** To be announced..

### **South Umpqua Connectivity Density Management**

**Description:**

- Matrix. Accelerate development of old-growth habitat and generate approximately 2,040 hundred cubic feet (CCF) of merchantable timber volume

**Location:** Deadman/Dompier; T30S, R2W, Sec. 17 and S. Umpqua River; T30S, R3W, Sec. 17

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Completion expected by December 1, 2000

**Public Review:** To be announced.

### **Kola's Ridge Commercial Thinning**

**Description:**

- Kola's Ridge; Middle Fork Coquille Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T30S, R9W, Secs. 23, 27

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment Complete

**Public Review:** March 28, 2000 to April 28, 2000

**Decision Date:** To be announced.

### **Dickerson Heights Timber Sale**

**Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 8,800 hundred cubic feet from approximately 180 acres proposed for harvest.
- Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T29S, R7W, Secs. 9, 15 & 21

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

## **Ragu Timber Sale**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 6,208 hundred cubic feet from approximately 150 acres is proposed for harvest.
- Middle Fork Coquille and Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T29S, R8W, Secs. 9, 21, 29 & 33; T30S, R8W, Sec. 5

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment Complete

**Public Review:** July 27, 1999 to August 26, 1999

**Decision Date:** To be announced.

## **Loose Laces Timber Sale**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 7,300 hundred cubic feet from approximately 200 acres is proposed for harvest.
- Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T31S, R6W, Secs. 1, 3, 10, 11, 13, 15, 23

**Issue Identification:** Environmental Assessment 105-98-04 is being replaced by a new analysis. The new Environmental Assessment is 105-99-14

**Analysis:** FONSI signed January 7, 1998 is withdrawn. Environmental Assessment work in progress.

## **Cow Catcher Timber Sale**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 7,700 hundred cubic feet from approximately 190 acres is proposed for harvest
- Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T31S, R6W, Secs. 5, 7, 9, 17

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

## **Recreational Trails**

### **Description:**

- Matrix and Key Watershed. To provide trails and interpretive sign.
- Deadman Dompier Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T29S, R2W, Secs. 4, 8, 9, 17

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Pending removal of salvage.

**Public Review:** Unknown pending completion of salvage

**Decision Date:** Unknown pending completion of salvage

## **North Myrtle Timber Sale(s)**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 20,000 hundred cubic feet from approximately 480 acres is proposed for harvest.
- Myrtle Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** Myrtle Creek Watershed T27S, R3W, Secs. 7, 17, 19; T27S, R4W, Sec. 35; T28S, R4W, Secs. 1, 15, 17, 21; T28S, R5W, Secs. 26, 35

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

## **Can-Can Watershed Level Project Plan**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 22,000 hundred cubic feet from approximately 489 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.
- Canyon Creek- Canyonville Watershed Analysis and Cow Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** Shively- O'Shea, Lane-Judd, and Canyon Creek Subwatersheds T30S, R4W, Secs. 5; T30S, R5W, Secs. 9, 10, 11, 15; T31S, R5W, Secs. 23, 26; T30S, R6W, Secs. 13, 25

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

## **Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 16,400 hundred cubic feet from approximately 412 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.
- Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analysis

**Location:** Lower Tenmile, Shields and Lookingglass Subwatersheds T28S, R7W, Secs 8, 9; T28S, R8W, Secs 21, 25, 35; T29S, R9W, Sec 3

**Issue Identification:** Complete

## **Middle South Umpqua /Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Approximately 25,200 hundred cubic feet from approximately 530 acres is proposed for harvest and planned for 2001. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.
- Middle South Umpqua and Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Analyses

**Location:** Kent/Rice, Middle Olalla, Thompson, Willis-VanDine, Lower Cow Creek Subwatersheds; T29S, R6W, Secs 28, 29; T29S, R7W, Secs 13, 23, 33; T29½S, R7W, Sec 33; T30S, R6W, Secs 5, 7, 11

**Issue Identification:** Complete

## **Slimewater Creek Density Management**

### **Description:**

- Late-Successional Reserve. Density Management of approximately 255 acres of early and mid-seral aged stands through thinning. The objective would be the accelerated development of late-seral habitat characteristics for the northern spotted owl and other species.
- South Umpqua River/Galesville Late-Successional Reserve Assessment and the Stouts/Poole/Shively-O'Shea Watershed Analysis

**Location:** Shively-O'Shea Subwatershed; T30S, R4W, Sec 27; T31S, R4W, Sec. 9

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Complete

**Public Review:** To be announced.

## **Canyon Mountain Communication Site Management Plan**

### **Description:**

- Matrix. Development of a comprehensive management plan for compatibility of current users and controlled development of future structures and uses.
- Canyonville/Canyon Creek Watershed Analysis

**Location:** Canyon Creek Subwatershed; T31S, R5W, Sec. 3

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Complete

**Public Review:** November 15, 2000 to December 15, 2000

**Decision Date:** Anticipated December 27, 2000.

## **Planning Documents**

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### **Water Quality Restoration Plans (WQRPs)**

The Swiftwater Field Office is currently working on WQRPs for federal lands in the Little River and Upper Smith River watersheds. The Little River WQRP will be a joint plan with the Umpqua National Forest, North Umpqua Ranger District. These WQRPs will be provided to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for inclusion in an overall Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

DEQ is responsible for carrying out the Clean Water Act in Oregon. The DEQ completes four steps to protect water quality:

1. Establish state water quality standards.
2. Perform an assessment of the rivers, streams, and lakes in the state.
3. Identify those water bodies that do not meet the state standards.
4. Develop plans (WQMPs) to correct water quality problems.

If a stream does not meet clean water standards, it is listed as water quality limited. DEQ is then required to identify the sources of the pollution and how much reduction from those sources is necessary to meet water quality standards. This is called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). A WQMP identifies the actions that will be taken to reduce the pollutants identified in the TMDL. Every management agency is responsible for identifying actions to help reduce pollutants.

## **Transportation Management Objectives (TMO)**

Ground Transportation Resource Net (GTRN) is the official GIS database containing the Transportation Management Objectives. GTRN is currently being established. When it is completed the initial TMO for each road segment will be set in this GIS database. After this initial phase, these TMOs will be continually maintained and updated as road objectives are defined and road management actions are taken.

**Watson Mountain Ecosystem Management Strategy** (See Summer 2000 Roseburg District BLM Planning Update).

Project is awaiting resolution of litigation.

## Abbreviations and Definitions

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**CE - Categorical Exclusion** - A disclosure document for minor projects that have been determined to have no significant impacts on the environment.

**EA - Environmental Assessment** - An environmental analysis document that evaluates alternative actions and their short and long term environmental effects, which include physical, biological, economic, social, and environmental impacts and their interactions.

**IDT - Interdisciplinary Team** - A group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, which develop alternatives and conduct environmental analysis as defined by the NEPA process.

**LSR - Late-Successional Reserve** - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem.

**Matrix Lands** - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. It is the area in which most timber harvest and other silvicultural activities will be conducted.

**MBF** - Thousand board feet.

**MMBF** - Million board feet.

**NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act** - A public law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary approach to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences. It is a process which provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

**NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan** - A common name for the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994). It is also used to refer to the *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* which accompanies the Record of Decision.

**S&G - Standards and Guidelines** - The primary instructions (rules and limits governing actions) for land managers. Standards address mandatory actions, while guidelines are recommended actions necessary to a land management decision. They also establish principles specifying the environmental conditions or levels to be achieved and maintained.

**Scoping** - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions.