

October 24, 2003

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Minsinger Bench Stream Restoration

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management, Cascades Resource Area, is proposing a project to improve instream habitat and provide unobstructed upstream passage for cutthroat trout in a stream on federal land located in Township 2S, Range 6E, Sections 20 and 21, within the Sandy River watershed. The stream flows through the recently acquired Minsinger Bench property which, prior to acquisition by the BLM, was used as pasture for cattle. The proposed project would consist of installation of log structures to facilitate fish passage through a culvert at the crossing of the Marmot Road, and to increase instream habitat complexity. In related projects, described in a prior Environmental Assessment, culverts would be removed from two streams on the property, invasive plants would be removed, and native upland and riparian vegetation would be planted.

The BLM is currently identifying issues to be addressed in the Environmental Assessment targeted for completion in December 2003. Information from you will help guide development of this proposal. The project will then be assessed for environmental effects by a team of resource specialists who will consider potentially affected resources, along with public comments.

If you have resource information, issues or comments that you would like to be addressed in the planning process for this project, or would like more information, please contact Dave Roberts, 503-375-5672 or send an e-mail to [salem\\_mail@blm.gov](mailto:salem_mail@blm.gov), attn: Dave Roberts. Written comments may be sent to Brad Keller, Acting Cascades Resource Area Field Manager, Salem District Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR, 97306.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dave Roberts

Dave Roberts  
Fishery Biologist

Enclosures (1): Location Map

