

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Quack Grass Herbicide Treatment

March 18, 2004

Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management is considering herbicide treatment for federal land located in Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Section 13, Willamette Meridian. This area is located between the Clackamas River and the Molalla River watersheds.

The activity being considered is applying an herbicide called glyphosate to approximately six acres of native plant beds to control quack grass (*Agropyron repens*). This is a difficult noxious weed to control with any other integrated methods as each small piece of root will generate a new plant. In addition, seeds used for revegetation projects can not contain quack grass seeds. The product is applied to the grass plants in mid-April and/or May with a tractor mounted boom sprayer.

The purpose of this letter is two fold. The first is to inform you of our plans, and second is to solicit your input. Specifically, I would like to hear what issues you believe are important to consider in the planning of management activities in this area. If you have specific information such as the location of springs, trails, or potential environmental effects, please let us know. The enclosed map shows the general location of the proposal. I would appreciate your thoughts on this project and I ask that your comments reach this office by March 29, 2004.

If you would like more information on this project, please contact me at (503) 630-8406. Written comments may be sent to Greg Tyler, Walter H. Horning Seed Orchard Manager, Salem District, Bureau of Land Management 27004 S. Sheckly Road, Colton, Oregon, 97017. Comments may also be sent via E-mail to gtyler@or.blm.gov. Place the name "Noxious Weed Treatment" in the subject line so that your comments are directed to the correct office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg Tyler

Greg Tyler
Seed Orchard Manager

Enclosures (1): Location Map

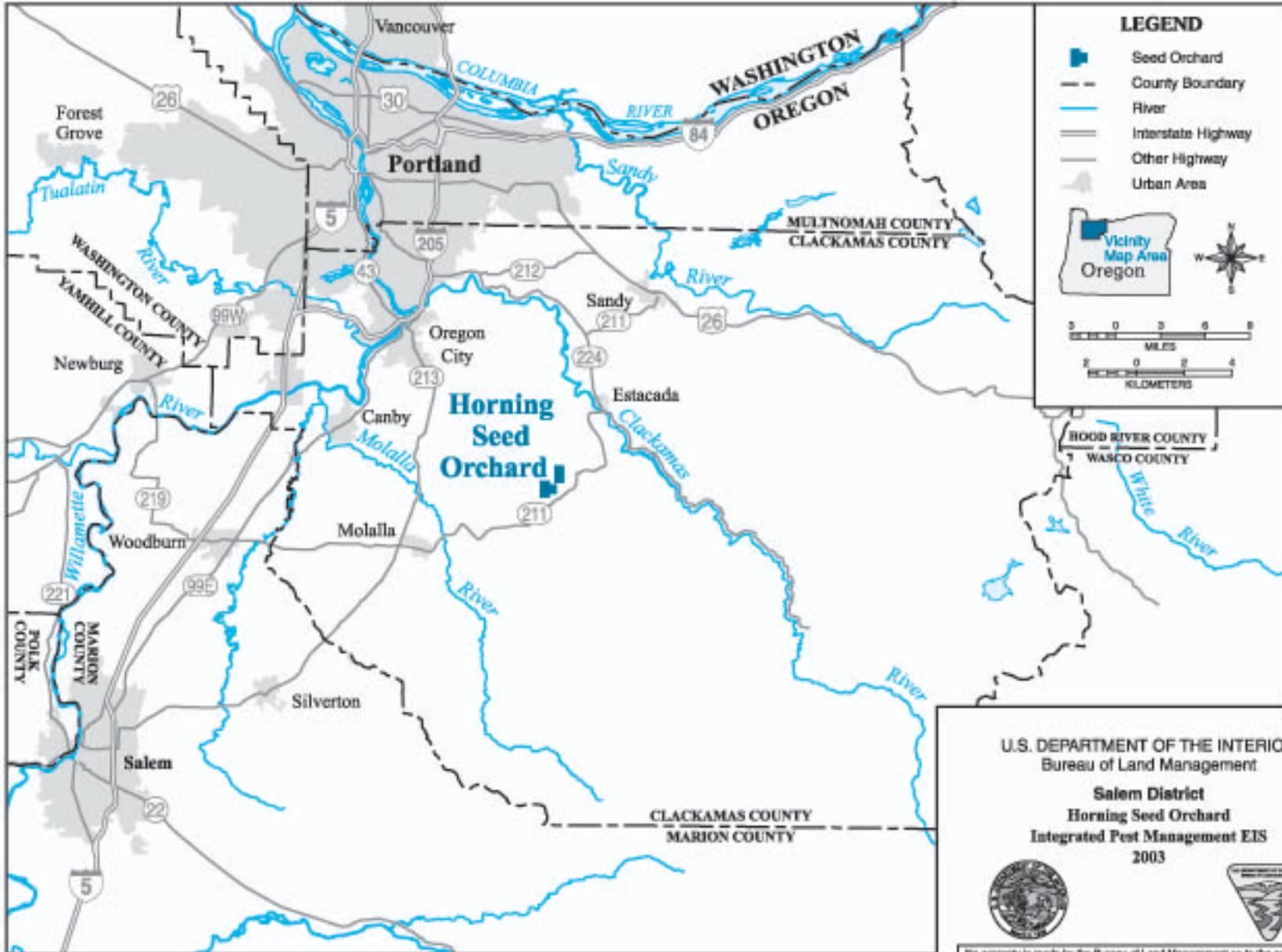


Figure 1.2-1: Location of Horning Seed Orchard

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