



Salem District Project Update

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Abbreviated Project Update

This issue is an abbreviated update with only certain projects that need timely NEPA notifications to the public. Most ongoing projects were listed in the March 2001 update and a complete update, including the FY2002 timber sale plan, will be published in September. Current information continues to be accessible on the district WEB site. We are also using a different format for our update. If you have comments, please let us know.

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Just a reminder to readers what is available on the Salem District WEB site. Under the planning page you will find; the Annual Program Summary, the current *Project Update*, current Resource Management Plan maintenance, Environmental Assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the Northwest Forest Plan. The WEB site also has a personnel directory, photographs, maps, recreation information and other miscellaneous information. We encourage you to review the site and offer suggestions for additions and improvements. For more information on the WEB site, contact Tim Jacobsson 503-375-5641

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact Person
Land Tenure Actions			
<p>Fishermen's Bend Land Acquisition (EA) - The Cascades Resource Area is proposing to acquire, from a willing seller, a 17-acre parcel along the North Santiam River adjacent to the eastern boundary of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site. If acquired, the parcel would become part of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site. Land and Water Conservation Funds would be used for the purchase. The acquisition of the parcel would expand Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site and provide additional recreation opportunities.</p>	<p>T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Section 25, Willamette Meridian. Fishermen's Bend is located approximately 32 miles east of Salem, and one mile west of Mill City, off of State Highway 22. (Cascades Resource Area)</p>	<p>EA Completed Decision Signed July 4th, 2001</p>	<p>Laura Graves (503) 315-5908</p>
<p>Roger's Mtn. Road and Hunter Church Creek Access Management EA. An EA will completed addressing the level of public vehicle access that will be allowed to these two areas. Both areas have experienced problems with garbage dumping, unsafe target shooting, excessive erosion from off-highway vehicle use and other resource related concerns.</p>	<p>Roger's Mtn. Road: T.10 S, R. 1 W., Section 25, Willamette Meridian</p> <p>Hunter Church Creek Area: T. 11 S., R. 1 E. Sections 15,16, 17, 21, and 23, Willamette Meridian. (Cascades Resource Area)</p>	<p>Scoping - Work on the EA will begin in the fall of 2001</p>	<p>Laura Graves (503) 315-5908</p>
Vegetation Management Actions			
<p>Buttermilk Lake Regeneration Harvest (EA #OR 080-00-11) - The project area is a 38-acre stand of Douglas-fir, with stand ages ranging from 60 to 120 years, located in the Matrix. Approx. 23 upland acres are proposed for regeneration harvest.</p>	<p>T.11S., R.8W., Sec. 6 (Lincoln Co.), in the Yaquina River watershed, approx. 4 mi. east of Eddyville. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>Wildlife surveys are in progress; EA projected for December 2001.</p>	<p>Bill Caldwell, 503-315-5961</p>

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<p>Klickitat Tie Density Management (EA #OR-080-00-12) - The proposed project area is approx. 361 acres within a corridor identified in the LSRA where density management & coarse woody debris enhancement would be appropriate to hasten development of late-successional forest characteristics. Stands in the proposed project are 50- to 60-years old & were identified by stand exams as densely stocked. Proposed activities include density management, coarse woody debris enhancement, road construction, road decommissioning, riparian conifer release & instream wood placement.</p>	<p>T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 9, 15, & 21 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. SW of Philomath, in the North Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>We have sent letters to the public requesting issues to consider in the preparation of the EA.</p> <p>An EA will be prepared by the end of August 2001, with a final decision and planned sale date of November 2001.</p>	<p>Amy Haynes 503-315-5955</p>
<p>North Fork Alsea Overlook Density Management (EA: OR-080-01-04) - The project would include density management on approx. 452 acres of 45- to 60-years old forest in Late-Successional Reserve.</p>	<p>T.13S., R.7W., Secs. 7, 17 & 19 (Benton Co.), approx. 15mi. SW of Philomath, in the North Fork Alsea Watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>We will begin requesting public input for issues to consider in the preparation of an EA in summer 2001.</p>	<p>Gary Humbard 503-315-5981</p>
<p>South Willy Density Management Timber Sale (EA: OR-080-01-02) - The project area encompasses approximately 390 acres of 40- to 100-year-old Douglas-fir in Matrix and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, density management, and road construction.</p>	<p>T.15S., R.6W., Secs. 6, 7 & 8, and T.15S., R.7W., Sec. 12 (Benton Co.), approx. 10 mi. west of Monroe, OR in the South Fork Alsea watershed. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>The project is proposed for FY 2002. We are currently scoping for issues to consider in preparation of an EA.</p>	<p>Roy S. Majewski 503-315-5993.</p>

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<p>Plantation Maintenance (CX: OR 080-01-05) - This project has two parts: 1) approx. 203 acres of competing shrubs & hardwoods around young conifer trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival & stocking; 2) on approx. 432 acres, conifer trees would be spaced by cutting excess conifers where needed to enhance tree growth. Species diversity will be promoted. At one Progeny Test Site (Pedee Creek; 13 acres), competing shrubs & hardwoods around young conifer test trees would be cut to maintain conifer survival.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area-wide; Pedee Creek site is in T 9 S, R 6 W, sec. 7. (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion completed March 2001 pending a biological opinion from US Fish and Wildlife Service. Project implementation is planned for summer 2001.</p>	<p>Kris Peterson 503-315-5958 Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961</p>
<p>Precommercial Thinning/Density Management (CX: OR 080-01-05) -This project would treat approx. 550 acres by spacing conifer trees. Over-stocked stands would be thinned where needed to enhance tree growth, and to promote species diversity.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area-wide (Marys Peak Resource Area)</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion completed March 2001 pending Biological Opinion from US Fish and Wildlife Service. Project implementation is planned for fall 2001.</p>	<p>Kris Peterson 503-315-5958; Bill Caldwell 503-315-5961</p>
<p>Fawn Creek Regeneration Harvest (EA No. OR-080-99-15)</p>	<p>Little North Santiam Watershed T8S, R3E, Sec. 25 (Cascades Resource Area)</p>	<p>EA - completed Decision/ Sale Advertise July 2001</p>	<p>Bob Hershey (503) 315-5931</p>
<p>Rusty Saw Commercial Thinning (EA No. OR-080-99-08)</p>	<p>Eagle Creek Watershed T3S, R5E, Sec. 11 (Cascades Resource Area)</p>	<p>EA - completed Decision/ Sale Advertise July 2001</p>	<p>Bob Hershey (503) 315-5931</p>
<p>South McCully Regeneration Harvest and Commercial Thinning (EA No. OR-080-01-05)</p>	<p>Lower North Santiam River and Thomas Creek Watersheds. T9S, R2E, Sec. 31; T10S, R2E, Sec. 5 & 7 (Cascades Resource Area)</p>	<p>EA - To be completed July 2001 Decision/ Sale Advertise Oct. 2001</p>	<p>Keith Walton (503) 375-5676</p>

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Pine Rock Regeneration Harvest and Commercial Thinning (EA No. OR-080-99-04)	Upper Molalla Watershed T7S, R3E, Sec. 8-11 & 16 (Cascades Resource Area)	EA - completed Decision/ Sale Advertise Oct. 2001	Barb Raible (503) 375-5687
Lulay Camp (EA) Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning	T10S,R1E, Secs. 19, 29 and 33 approximately 10 miles southwest of Mehama, Oregon in the Thomas Creek and Crabtree Creek Watersheds (Cascades Resource Area)	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing EA - Spring 2002	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Roaring River (EA) Approximately 200 acres of Matrix lands would be assessed for commercial thinning	T11S,R1E, Secs. 1 and 3 approximately 10 miles south of Mehama, Oregon in the Crabtree Creek Watershed (Cascades Resource Area)	Analysis and Surveys Ongoing EA - Spring 2002	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Hide and Seek (EA) Document impacts of proposed commercial thinning to about 30 acres of Matrix lands in support of decision to select No Action Alternative	T 2S,R6E, Sec. 27 approximately 10 miles east of Sandy, Oregon in the Middle Sandy River Watershed (Cascades Resource Area)	EA - In Preparation- target Fall 2001	Barb Raible (503) 375-5687
Watershed Restoration Actions			
Yamhill Road Stabilization and Watershed Restoration Project (EA No. 086-01-05). This project involves the treatment (e.g., removal of unstable sidecast material from locations where there is a high potential of landslides, road decommissioning, and storm-proofing) of various BLM forest roads located within the Tillamook Resource Area portion of the Yamhill River Watershed for the purpose of control and reduction of road-related runoff and sediment production.	Numerous roads located within the Yamhill River Watershed (Tillamook Resource Area)	Analyzing Effects. Preliminary decision expected to be issued in August, 2001.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Multiple Projects			
None			
Recreation Actions			

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Fishermen's Bend Management Plan and EA: The Cascades Resource Area will be completing a long term Management Plan for recreation facilities and services at Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site.	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Section 25, Willamette Meridian. Fishermen's Bend is located approximately 32 miles east of Salem, and one mile west of Mill City, off of State Highway 22. (Cascades Resource Area)	Scoping - Work on the management plan will begin in the fall of 2001.	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Table Rock Wilderness Trail Projects (EA): Various improvements to the Table Rock Trail System including the design and construction of about ½ mile of connecting trail; rerouting, improvement and stabilization of up to 2 miles of existing trail and; improvements to trailhead areas for parking, information.	Sec. 6,T. 7 S., R. 3 E., about 18 miles southwest of the City of Molalla; within the Table Rock Wilderness near the Molalla River off the Molalla Forest Road; and within the existing Molalla River Recreation Corridor. (Cascades Resource Area)	Ongoing - EA will be available for comment in late July, 2001	Laura Graves (503) 315-5908
Transportation System Management Actions			
None			
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
None			
Watershed Analysis			
None			
Salem Resource Management Plan Implementation Strategy Development			
None			
Other Activities and Projects of Interest			
None			