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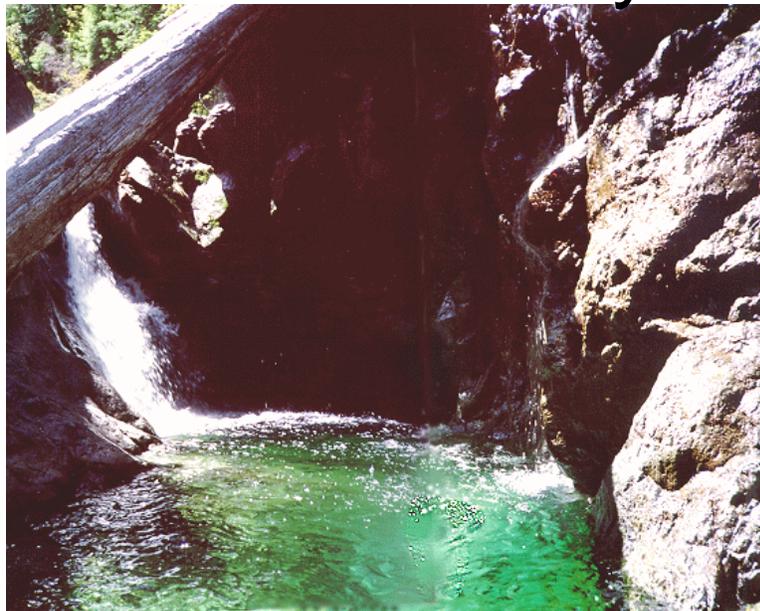
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Dear Reader:

The purpose of this watershed analysis is to identify the various ecosystem components in the **East Fork of the Illinois River Watershed** and their interactions at a landscape scale. The analysis looks at historical ecological components, current ecological components and trends. It makes recommendations for future management actions that could be implemented to reach certain ecological conditions.

The Forest Service and the BLM are the major federal land managers in the watershed and have prepared this watershed analysis jointly. It is organized into a terrestrial module, an aquatic module and a social module. A concluding synthesis module integrates the findings and recommendations of each of the others.

As you read this document, it is important to keep in mind that the watershed analysis process is an iterative and ongoing process. As new information becomes available it will be included and periodic updating is anticipated. It is also important to keep in mind that **this analysis document is *not* a decision document**. The recommendations that are included are a point of departure for project specific planning and evaluation work. Project planning then includes the preparation of environmental assessments and formal decision records as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Project planning and land management actions would also be designed to meet the objectives and directives of our land use plans (Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Siskiyou National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan).

This watershed analysis will thus be one of many tools in land management planning and project implementation within the East Fork of the Illinois River watershed on National Forest and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands. Although ecological information, discussions and recommendations are presented at the landscape scale irrespective of administrative ownership, please understand that the Forest Service and BLM will only be implementing management actions on the lands they administer.

If you have additional resource or social information that would contribute to our better understanding the ecological and social processes within the watershed, we would appreciate hearing about them.

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