



SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST PROJECT UPDATE

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New Format

As you will notice, the Siuslaw Project Update has a different look. The U.S.D.A. Forest Service is developing a national database to track key planning information and automatically generate Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPAs) in a consistent manner. The attached SOPA is an interim part of that effort. Work will continue on this effort through the summer. We ultimately hope to have a final product and public access to the database via the world wide web in the late fall or early winter.

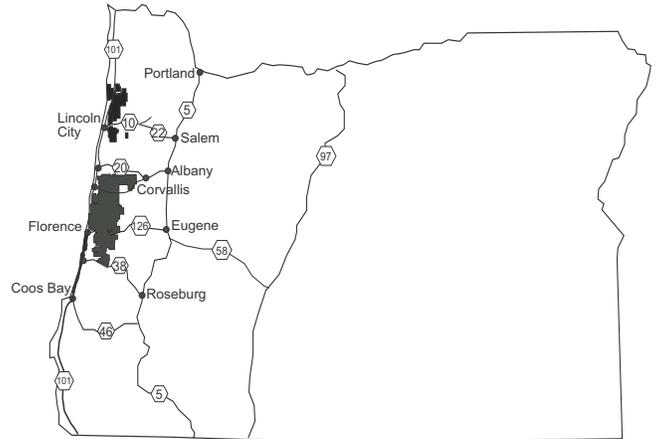
The layout for the new SOPA is significantly different than from past years and past issues. Projects are listed in the left-hand column and are presented by district, or management unit, and provide information concerning the project purpose, a brief description of the project, the planning status, expected type of decision, whether a Decision Memo (DM) for Categorical Exclusion, Environmental Analysis (EA), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and project location. Each project also lists a contact person for additional information.

In the future, you will have the option to view this, as well as SOPAs from around the nation over the internet. Status updates for the new e-sopa will be made available in future issues of the Siuslaw Project Update and on our web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw.



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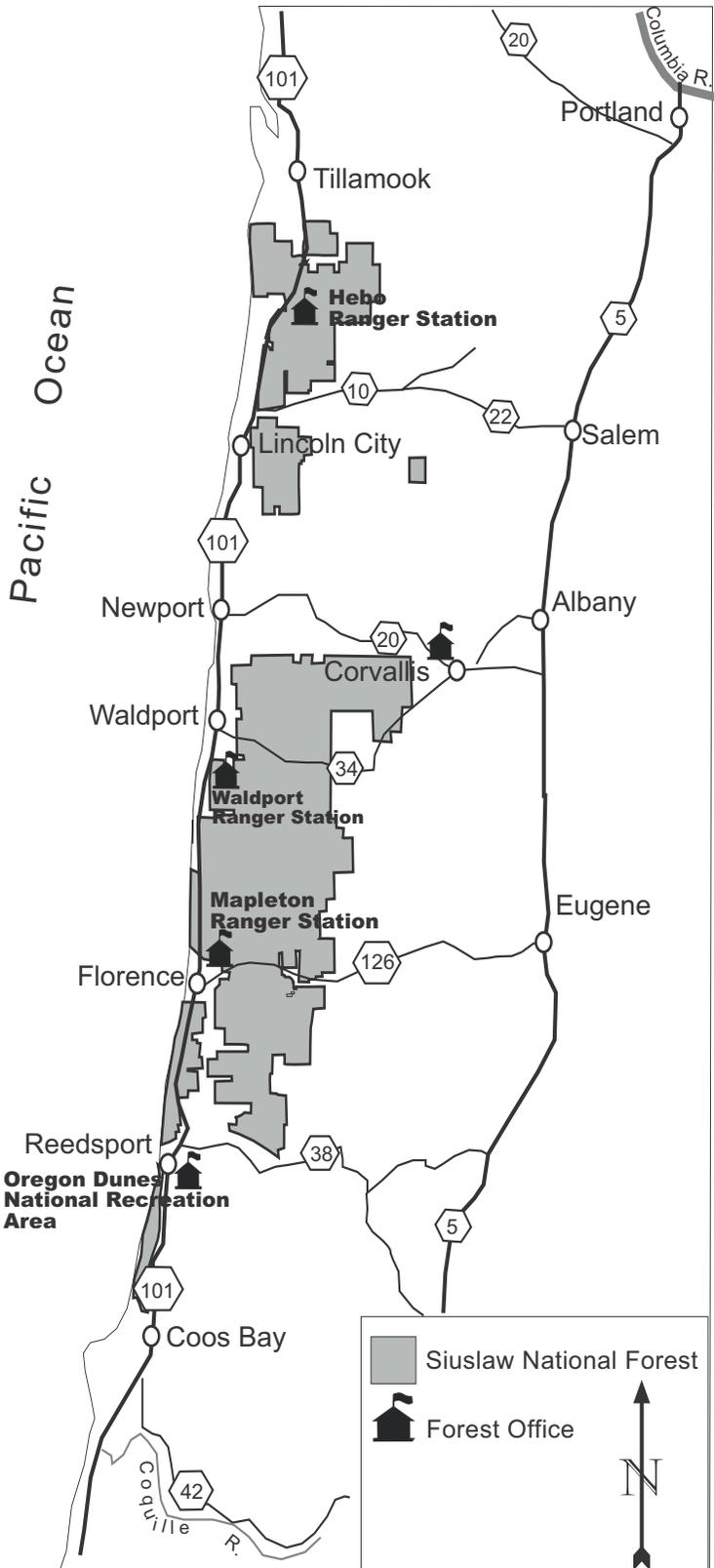
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Expected Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Hebo Ranger District		Siuslaw National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Boise Building Solutions (Renny's Reserve)	Special use management	In Progress Decision (DM) signed 03/11/2004	DM 04/2004	08/2004	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Boise Building Solutions requests permission to construct approx. 500 feet of temporary road across National Forest Land for short term access to manage their timber stands.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District, Oregon, Yamhill T5S, R9W, Section 25 (NE 1/4); W.M. Project is located approx. 0.25 mile north of State Highway 22, about 0.25 mile east of Kitten Creek. It begins at the junction of a ridge and Forest Road 2282.				
Diamond Peak Stand Treatments	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Forest products	Developing Proposal Estimated Scoping start 05/2004	EA 11/2004	08/2006	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat about 900 acres of 30 to 50 year old plantations by commercial thinning, underplanting, and snag creation.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District, Oregon, Lincoln T7S, R10W; Sections 33, 34; T8S, R10W Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; W.M. Plantations are located in the Drift (Siletz) Key Watershed, about 15 miles east of Lincoln City, Or.				
Drift (Siletz) Key Watershed Roads Analysis	Watershed management Road management	Developing Proposal Estimated Scoping start 04/2004	EA 10/2004	06/2005	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Review existing Forest Roads in this Key watershed to determine which roads would remain open to public travel, be closed to public travel, or be decommissioned.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District, Oregon, Lincoln T7 and 8S; R10W; W.M. Drift (Siletz) Key Watershed. The Project Area is about 10 miles east of Lincoln City, Oregon.				



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Gaudy Thin Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Road management Forest products	In Progress Decision (DN) legal notice 02/13/2004	EA 07/2003	08/2004	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat about 1,000 acres of 35 to 70 year old plantations by commercial thinning, creating snags, and underplanting. This project also closes, stabilizes and decommissions Forest Roads				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District. Oregon. Tillamook. T4 and 5S, R9 and 10W; WM.. Nestucca and Little Nestucca Watersheds. The project area is west of State Highway 22, north of State Highway 130, and south of US Highway 10.				
Hebo Lake Angling Enhancement	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Recreation management Facility management	Developing Proposal Estimated Scoping start 06/2004	DM		John Casteel 503-392-3161 jcastee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Deepen the margins of Hebo Lake and improve handicapped fishing structures.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District. Oregon. Tillamook. T4S, R9W, Section 16; WM.. Project is located at Hebo Lake, a developed recreation site.				
Moon Creek Restoration	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management	In Progress Scoping start 02/02/2004	DM 07/2004	08/2004	John Casteel 503-392-3161 jcastee@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install about 10 wood structures to improve stream function.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District. Oregon. Tillamook. T3S, R8W, Section 29; WM.. Nestucca Watershed				
Precommercial Thinning 2004	Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping start 02/02/2004	DM 05/2004	03/2005	John Johansen 503-392-3161 jjohansen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintain growth and vigor by precommercially thinning 10 to 20 year old plantations.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District. Oregon. Lincoln, Tillamook, Yamhill District wide. District wide				



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Sampson Creek Habitat Improvement	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management	In Progress Scoping start 02/02/2004	DM 04/2004	08/2004	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Place large (30-36" dbh) whole conifer trees in Sampson Creek.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District, Oregon, Lincoln T8 S., R9 W Sections 1 & 6. Project located in the Drift (Siletz) Key Watershed.				
Windjammer Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management Vegetation management (other than forest products) Forest products	In Progress Scoping start 09/09/2003	EA 06/2004	07/2005	Brent Erskine 503-392-3161 berskine@fs.fed.us
	Description: Treat about 1,000 acres in 35 to 50 year old plantations with commercial thinning and underplanting, and create snags.				
	Location: Hebo Ranger District, Oregon, Tillamook T7S., R10W, Sections 31, 32, 33, 29, 29; T8S, R10W, Sections 4, 5, 6; W.M. Drift (Siletz) Watershed				



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Mapleton Ranger District		Siuslaw National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
Barber Creek Aquatic Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management	In Progress Scoping start 03/29/2004	DM 04/2004	08/2004	Paul Bums 541-902-6953 pnbums@fs.fed.us
	Description: Place about 50 logs, 60 root wads, and 100 boulders along the lower 3/4 mile of Barber Creek using an excavator.				
	Location: Mapleton Ranger District, Oregon, Lane, T17S, R9W, S36, Siuslaw Watershed				
Carter Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed Decision (DM) signed 04/08/2004	DM 04/2004	07/2004	John Sanchez (541) 750-7053 jsanchez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace existing culvert with a long-span bridge.				
	Location: Mapleton Ranger District, Oregon, Lane, T19S, R11W, S9, Coastal Lakes Watershed, Carter Creek				
Fenton Small Tracts Act	Land ownership management	Completed Decision (DM) signed 01/13/2004	DM 01/2004	07/2004	Michael Schwartz 541-750-7175 mschwartz@fs.fed.us
	Description: South Zone, Involves wellhouse use on National Forest System land.				
	Location: Mapleton Ranger District, Oregon, Lane, T17S, R10W, Sec. 23; W.M. South Zone				
Indian Creek Watershed Aquatic Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping start 12/19/2003	EA 10/2004	07/2005	Paul Bums 541-902-6953 pnbums@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placement of large wood (520 conifers) in the mainstem Indian Creek, West Fork and North Fork Indian Creek, Gibson Creek, Taylor Creek, Rogers Creek and Maria Creek.				
	Location: Mapleton Ranger District, Oregon, Lane, T16 and 17S, R9 and 10W, W.M. South Zone				



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North Fork Siuslaw Aquatic Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping start 12/19/2003	DM 06/2004	10/2004	PaulBums 541-902-6953 pnbums@fs.fed.us
	Description: Helicopterplacement of large wood (450 whole conifer trees) in the mainstem of the North Fork Siuslaw River and Elma, Porter, Condon, Uncle and McLeod Creeks. The project involves U.S. Forest Service and private lands.				
	Location: Mapleton Ranger District. Oregon. Lane. T16S and T17S, R10W and R11W. North Fork Siuslaw River Watershed				



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Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Siuslaw National Forest R6 - Pacific Northwest Region					
Erhart Lake Restoration	Watershed management	In Progress	EA	08/2004	Mike Northrop (541) 902-6960 mnorthrop@fs.fed.us
	Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Scoping start 10/01/2003	06/2004		
	Description: Develop invasive weed control plan for lagoon and nearby lakes and ponds.				
Location: Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Oregon. Lane. T19S, R12W, S33; W.M. South Zone					
OHV Sand Camping Project	Recreation management	In Progress	EA	01/2005	Sharon Stewart 541-271-6071 sstewart@fs.fed.us
		Scoping start 10/15/2003	06/2004		
	Description: Designate 130 to 180 dispersed campsites in the motorized areas of the NRA; increase staging area capacity at Horsfall and Hauser Staging Areas.				
Location: Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. Oregon. Coos, Douglas, Lane. T19, 22, 23, and 24S, R12 and 13W. W.M. Motorized areas of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area					



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Waldport Ranger District		Siuslaw National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
McG Lynn Pole Thinning Project	Watershed management Forest products	In Progress Scoping start 03/23/2004	EA 07/2004	06/2005	Russell Volke (541) 902-6952 rvolke@fs.fed.us
	Description: Utilize a feller-forwarder system to thin and remove small diameter trees (3.0-12.0 dnh) on slopes less than 30%				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lane. T15S, R8W, S18; T15S, R9W, S13. Lobster Creek Watershed				
North Fork Beaver Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed Decision (DM) signed 04/08/2004	DM 04/2004	07/2004	John Sanchez (541) 750-7053 jsanchez@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace existing culvert on the 5031 Road with a stream simulation designed open bottom arch.				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lincoln. T12S, R10W S17. North Beaver Creek Watershed				
Rocky Ten Thin	Watershed management Forest products	Completed Decision (DM) signed 04/08/2004	DM 04/2004	11/2004	Kurt Davis kjdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercial thinning of 60 acres of plantations, creation of coarse wood material, underplanting, and creation of snags to accelerate development of late-successional forest habitat.				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lane. T15S, R10W, S29 & 32. Cummins-Tenmile Watersheds				
Yachats Watershed Aquatic Restoration Project	Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants Watershed management	In Progress Scoping start 10/02/2002	EA 07/2004	10/2004	Bruce Buckley 541-563-3211 bbuckley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Place trees and rootwads in about 9.6 miles of streams; plant about 75 acres with conifers and hardwoods in riparian areas; non-commercially thin about 100 acres of riparian areas; maintain and release about 1,070 acres of conifers near streams.				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lincoln. T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11 & 12W. South Zone				



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Yachats Watershed Roadwork Project	Road management	In Progress Scoping start 10/02/2002	EA 08/2004	09/2004	Bruce Buckley 541-563-3211 bbuckley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decommission about 8.3 miles of non-key roads; close about 34.8 miles of non-key roads in the watershed.				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lincoln. T14S, R10, 11 & 12W ; T15S, R10, 11 & 12W ; W M .. South Zone				
Yachats Watershed Terrestrial Restoration Project	Watershed management Road management Forest products	In Progress Scoping start 10/02/2002	EA 06/2004	07/2005	Bruce Buckley 541-563-3211 bbuckley@fs.fed.us
	Description: Commercially thin approx. 2,300 acres of plantations 25-54 years old; underplant about 1,030 acres in treated stands; create snags and coarse wood material; and non-commercially thin about 2,280 acres; decommission about 6.1 miles of non-key roads.				
	Location: Waldport Ranger District. Oregon. Lincoln. T14S, R10, 11 & 12W ; T15S, R10, 11 & 12W ; W M .. South Zone				

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Items Of Interest

Payments to Counties

Forest-wide - Benton, Coos, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill Counties

The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met on June 5th and recommended 32 projects to be funded out of Title II funds in fiscal year 2004 (October 1, 2003-September 30 2004).

The Siuslaw RAC, formed as a result of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), was tasked to select projects Under Title II of the Act for recommendation to Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor, Gloria Brown for final approval. Proposed projects include: noxious weed and invasive plant control, road improvements, meadow maintenance, trash cleanup, hazardous fuel reduction, pre-commercial thinning, and trail improvement.

The RAC will meet again prior to August 30 to continue project recommendations

Details about each project, along with meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw>.

For more information, contact Bill Helphinstine, Designated Federal Official, 541-902-8526, Linda Stanley, 541-750-7210 or Anna Morrison, 541-682-4203.

Invasive Plant Project

Pacific Northwest Region (involving 19 National Forests and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area)

The Regional Forester is preparing an EIS to amend Forest Plan direction that will enhance our ability to protect native ecosystems from invasive and non-invasive plants. The analysis will build on the Region's existing program by improving our ability to: prevent the introduction of invasive plant species; improve detection and rapid response to new infestations; control existing populations; and provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded.

Scoping is ongoing with a Notice of Intent printed in the *Federal Register* on August 28, 2002 (p. 55194). The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with EPA and available for 45-day public review in January 2004. A Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in May 2004.

Contact: Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, 503-326-4310
Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasiveplant-eis

Sand Lake Forest Lab

Hebo Ranger District

T13S, R10W, S17

Develop an environmental education trail on an isolated 11-acre National Forest parcel. Intent is to provide a short, fully-accessible trail for all ages of students.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161

Lower Siletz Watershed Analysis

Hebo Ranger District

Modify existing analysis done by the Mid-Coast Watershed Council, to highlight road, stream, riparian, and vegetative conditions on National Forest lands.

Status: Ongoing

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161