



# SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST PROJECT UPDATE

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## **Siuslaw Basin Rehabilitation Contract-Stewardship Pilot**

In 1999 Congress authorized the Stewardship Pilot Project through Section 347 of the Omnibus Act. This authority was recently extended for ten years. The Siuslaw National Forest was selected as an alternate pilot in 2000 and then selected for a pilot project in 2002. The Pilot is seen as an opportunity to achieve a wide array of objectives related to forest restoration. The Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot runs through fiscal year 2005 with product receipts available to reinvest directly to the demonstration area.

The objectives of the Siuslaw Stewardship Pilot are to create measurable habitat improvement and watershed enhancement in Late Successional Reserves, attain restoration objectives with a variety of landscape improvement projects and activity, allow for contractor participation in ecosystem management that results in excellent contractor performance, and form a Stewardship Fund from receipts that help pay for future management actions.

The Pilot also generates an atmosphere internally to test new authorities to create more efficient and effective process, test new authorities and if successful, look at making it a permanent authority, and involve community participation in project selection.

The Stewardship Pilot provides an opportunity to test new approaches to resource management by emphasizing what we *leave* on the land, not what is taken from it. Through the program, local communities, cooperating governmental agencies and others will be involved to help monitoring efforts and develop specific pilot projects.

Stewardship also allows for a single entry, consolidating multiple projects, which reduces impacts to other resources. In addition, receipts from stewardship projects remain on the Forest to be reinvested into the demonstration area and future restoration work.

The Green Thin, Eichler and Divide Pilot is ongoing with the following accomplishments to date:

- 475 acres thinned.
- Thirty acres converted to disease-tolerant species.
- Pre-commercial thinning of 61 acres.
- 1361 pieces of coarse woody debris enhancement.
- 1302 cubic yards of side-cast fill removed for road stabilization.
- Four acres of invasive weed removal.
- The Misery timber sale expected to begin operations in 2004.

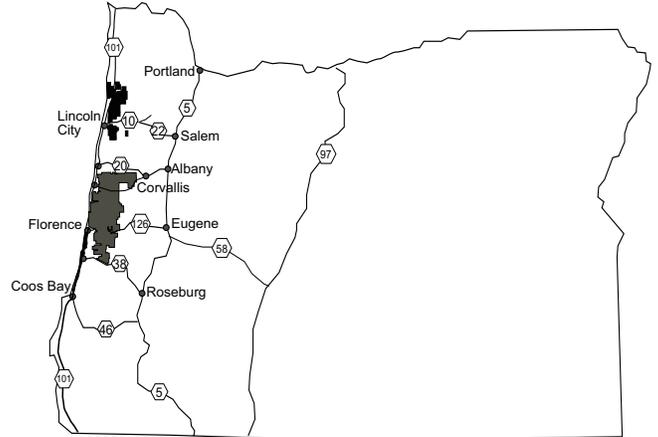
Future projects include treatments in 35-45 year old managed stands, putting large wood in streams, under planting, snag creation, and decommissioning of roads.

Between fiscal year 2003 – 2005, the Forest plans to restore approximately 1,900 acres.

*For more information, contact Bob Turner, Timber Sale Planner at 541-750-7102*

# Siuslaw National Forest

## Vicinity map



### *For More Information*

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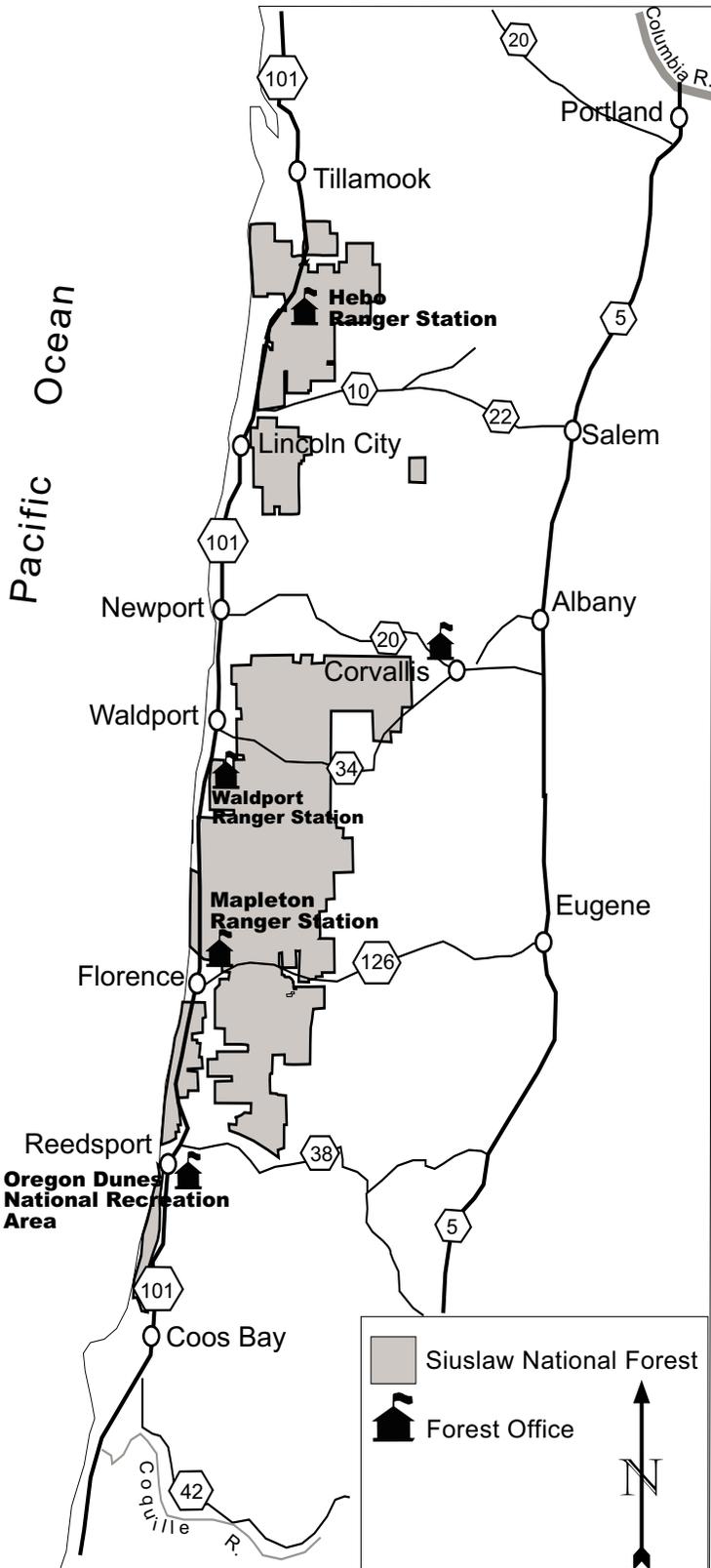
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## **Current Projects**

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### **Calendar Year SOPA Quarters**

**Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31**

**Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30**

**Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30**

**Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31**

### **Timing of Decisions**

The projected decision dates in the following sections are best estimates based on predicted funding, weather conditions, project priorities, and overall scheduling of work. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect any changes as accurately as possible as we update the Project Update each quarter.

## **Lands and Minerals**

### **Fenton Small Tracts Act (formerly Lamm)**

*South Zone, Mapleton RD  
T17S, R10W, S23*

Involves well house on USFS land.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Mike Schwartz, 541-750-7175*

### **Barclay Easement Exchange**

*South Zone, Waldport RD  
T13S, R10W, sections 35 and 36*

Exchange of easements on existing roads.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Dave Braley*

## **Recreation**

### **OHV Sand Camping Project**

*South Zone, ODNRA*

Motorized areas of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

Designate 130 to 180 dispersed campsites in the motorized areas of the NRA; increase staging-area capacity at Horsfall and Hauser Staging Areas.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Spring 2004*

*Contact: Sharon Stewart, 541-271-6071*



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## Current Projects

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### Road-Use

#### Yachats Watershed Roadwork Project

*South Zone, Waldport RD*

T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11, & 12W

Decommission about 8.3 miles of non-key roads; close about 34.8 miles of non-key roads in watershed.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211*

### Silviculture

#### Precommercial Thinning

*Hebo RD*

District-wide

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 10 to 20 year-old plantations.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: John Johansen, 503-392-3161*

### Special Uses

#### Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

*Forest-Wide*

Forest-wide

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, minerals, commercial haul, tailholds, concessions and recreation events.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2004*

*Contact: Linda Montanez, 541-563-3211*

### Special Uses

#### Renny's Reserve

*Hebo RD*

T5S, R9W, S25

Construct about 500 feet of temporary road to provide access to Boise Building Solutions land.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

### Timber Sales

#### Windjammer Project

*Hebo RD*

T7 & 8S, R10W

Commercially thin approximately 1,000 acres in stand 35 to 70 years old within LSR and AMA lands; stabilize, decommission and close roads associated with commercial thin operations in Drift Creek key Watershed.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161*

### Watershed and Fisheries

#### Hebo Lake Angling Enhancement

*Hebo RD*

T4S, R9W, S.16

Project would deepen the margins of Hebo Lake and improve existing handicapped fishing structures.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: John Casteel, 503-392-3161*

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### Watershed and Fisheries

#### **Moon Creek Restoration**

*Hebo RD*

T3S, R8W, S29

Install about 10 wood structures to improve stream function.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161*

#### **Sampson Creek Habitat Improvement**

*Hebo RD*

T8S, R9W, S.1

In cooperation with State of Oregon and Midcoast Watershed Council, the District proposes an instream habitat improvement project would place large logs in Sampson Creek with use of helicopters.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: John Casteel, 503-392-3161*

#### **Indian Creek Watershed Aquatic Restoration Project**

*South Zone, Mapleton RD*

T16S and T17S, R9W and R10W

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.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Fall 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Paul Burns, 541-902-6953*

### Watershed and Fisheries

#### **North Fork Siuslaw Aquatic Restoration Project**

*South Zone, Mapleton RD*

T16S and T17S, R10W and R11W

Helicopter placement 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.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Summer 2004*

*Implementation: Fall 2004*

*Contact: Paul Burns, 541-902-6953*

#### **Erhart Lake Restoration**

*South Zone, ODNRA*

T19S, R12W, S33

Develop invasive weed control plan for lagoon and nearby lakes and ponds.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Mike Northrop, 541-902-6960*

#### **Yachats Watershed Aquatic Restoration**

*South Zone, Waldport RD*

T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11 & 12W

Place trees and root wads 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.

*Status: Document Development*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211*

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## Current Projects

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### Watershed Restoration

#### Diamond Peak Project

*Hebo RD*  
T7 S, R10W

Commercial thin about 1,000 acres of 30-40 year old plantations. Decommission those Forest Roads that negatively affect aquatic habitat. The project area includes portions of the Drift Creek Key and Schooner Creek watersheds.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Winter 2005*

*Implementation: Fall 2005*

*Contact: Brent Erskine 503-392-3161*

#### Gauldy Project Thin

*Hebo RD*  
T4S, R9 & 10W

Commercial thinning 1,000 acres in stands 35-70 years old within LSR and AMA lands; adding stream structures; and decommissioning, stabilizing and closing specified roads.

*Status: Decision Pending*

*Decision: Winter 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2005*

*Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-2161*

#### Rocky Ten Thin

*South Zone, Waldport RD*  
T15S, R10W, Sec 29 and 32

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.

*Status: Scoping*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Winter 2005*

*Contact: Kurt Davis, 541-902-6954*

### Watershed Restoration

#### Yachats Watershed Terrestrial Restoration

*South Zone, Waldport RD*  
T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11, & 12W

Commercially thin approximately 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.

*Status: Decision Pending*

*Decision: Spring 2004*

*Implementation: Summer 2004*

*Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211*



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# Items Of Interest

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## Payments to Counties

*Forest-wide - Coos, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln and Tillamook 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](http://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*



This is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the "contact person" associated with the given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for proposed projects and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analyses, Roads, Plan Amendments and Multi-Projects), and within each category in alphabetical order by RANGER District. The information provided for each action includes name, RANGER District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.



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