



Umatilla National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Activities Fall 2003

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ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The Umatilla National Forest is involved in dozens of activities every year. The Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), published quarterly, makes it easier for you to keep track of and participate in our planning efforts. It lists all the projects we will be working on in the coming months. We will also provide updates on topics related to Forest Service planning. The schedule is updated every 3 months.

Notice that there is an asterisk (*) beside some activities and others are underlined. An asterisk means an activity is in the schedule for the first time. Underlined words denote a change or addition to an activity listed in previous schedules.

LIMITED TIMBER HARVEST CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

The Forest Service has added three new categorical exclusion (CE) categories to its directives for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. CEs identify actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and, therefore, do not require preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. The three new CEs apply to limited timber harvest.

The first new CE (Category 12) allows harvest of live trees on areas not to exceed 70 acres with no more than one-half mile of temporary road construction. Examples of projects that could be implemented under Category 12 are: removal of individual trees for sawlogs, specialty products, or fuelwood; and commercial thinning to improve the health and vigor of a remaining stand.

The next new category (Category 13) allows salvage of dead and/or dying trees on areas not to exceed 250 acres with no more than one-half mile of

temporary road construction. This CE permits salvage in areas where trees have been severely damaged by forces such as fire, wind, and ice and still have some economic value as a forest product.

The final new category (Category 14) allows commercial and non-commercial sanitation harvest of trees to control insects or disease on no more than 250 acres with no more than one-half mile of temporary road construction. This category allows the agency to apply harvest methods to control insects and disease before they spread to adjacent healthy trees.

HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the three new CEs mentioned above, the Forest Service also added two categories that address fuels reduction and fire rehabilitation.

Category 10 allows hazardous fuels reduction activities (prescribed fire, and mechanical or biological methods such as crushing, piling, thinning, pruning, cutting, chipping, mulching, grazing and mowing) when the activity has been identified consistent with the framework described in the National Fire Plan document entitled *A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment – 10 – Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan*.

Category 11 allows activities necessary for the stabilization and rehabilitation of habitat, watersheds, historical, archeological, and cultural sites and infrastructure impacted by wildfire and/or wildfire suppression (such as reseeding or planting, fence construction, culvert repair, installation of erosion control devices, and repair of roads and trails).

HEPPNER FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

The Heppner Ranger District is proposing treatment in several areas within Morrow County that have heavy concentrations of hazardous fuels. These fuels projects are listed in the Heppner Ranger District portion of this SOPA. Planning for the Tupper Defensible Space Fuels Reduction project has begun. This project will be completed under the new USDA Forest Service Categorical Exclusion, Category 10 (Hazardous Fuels Reduction). Under Category 10, local agencies and stakeholders with good working knowledge and interest in local resources are involved in the processes of planning and project prioritization for fuels reduction projects. Letters have been mailed to local agencies, government officials, tribal representatives, and others who have shown interest in past projects on the Heppner Ranger District. As a result of these letters, a fieldtrip meeting to the Tupper Work Center is scheduled on October 1, 2003, to review the project. Two additional projects in the planning stages are the Black Mountain Fuels Reduction project and the Penland Lake Wildland/Urban Interface project. Interested persons should contact Janet Stefani, Natural Resource Planner, to be included in the development of these projects.

FIELDTRIP BEING PLANNED TO PREVIEW USE OF NEW CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR FIRE SALVAGE

The North Fork John Day Ranger District is planning a public tour of the proposed salvage associated with the Bull Springs 2 Fire. Bull Springs 2 was a lightning-caused fire discovered on September 6, 2003, in Grant County, Oregon, at T8S, R32E, sections 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27, approximately 10.5 miles southeast of the town of Dale. It reached a size of 1,266 acres before being fully contained, and burned with low to moderate severity.

Post-fire observations have identified between 200 and 250 acres of salvageable ponderosa pine trees in the Indian Creek Subwatershed. These stands are in areas allocated to the C4–Wildlife Habitat management area in the *Umatilla National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan*. The purpose of the proposal is to remove fire-damaged and killed trees to minimize secondary resource damage from insects and to eliminate safety hazards to nearby roads.

The North Fork John Day Ranger District proposes to harvest these trees using the newly approved Categorical Exclusion 31.2 (13) described in Forest Service Handbook 1909.15-2003-2 (July 29, 2003). This category is for

“Salvage of dead and/or dying trees not to exceed 250 acres, requiring no more than ½ mile of temporary road construction. The proposed action may include incidental removal of live or dead trees for landings, skid trails, and road clearing.”

This proposal could salvage up to the 250-acre limit. No more than ½ mile of temporary roads would be constructed. Logs would be yarded with mechanical ground-based or cable methods (depending upon site conditions) to the nearest roads. Activities will be limited to either the dry season or when soils are frozen to prevent soil compaction and displacement. Salvaged areas would be replanted within 5 years.

If you would like to attend the fieldtrip, please contact Bart Lander at (541) 427-5358 to receive notice as to when it will be scheduled. Comments regarding these projects should be addressed to Craig Smith-Dixon, District Ranger at the North Fork John Day Ranger District, P.O. Box 158, Ukiah, OR 97880; or he can be reached by telephone at (541) 427-3231.

SOPA ON THE INTERNET

You can access the SOPA from the Umatilla National Forest's web site on the Internet by going to www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/sopa/sopa.htm. An E-Mail Mailing List has also been developed so we can notify those with Internet access when an update has been posted to the Internet. If you have any comments on this web site, or would like to be added to the E-Mail list, please send a message to ldillavou@fs.fed.us or call Linda Dillavou at (541) 278-3892.

Visit the Umatilla NF web site
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Project Name	Description	Size	Local/Legal Description	Status	Contact Name
Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) SNOTEL Permit	Issue special use permit to NRCS to operate and maintain the eight SNOTEL sites currently located on various Districts on the Umatilla National Forest.	1.5 ac. (approx. 0.2 acres per site)	T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 30; T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 30; T.2S., R.35E., Sec. 29; T.3S., R.32E., Sec. 28; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 9; T.9N., R.43E., Sec. 23; T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 31; T.7N., R.40E., Sec. 6	Scoping	Jeff Bloom
Blue Mountain Land Exchange EIS	Exchanging lands to consolidate ownership patterns on Federal and private lands. www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/planning/bmle	20,570 ac of Federal land; 36,453 ac. of non-Federal land	Selected parcels in vicinity of Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests	Developing Alternatives. Expect Draft EIS 12/03; Final Spring 2004	Jean Lavell 541-523-1230



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Project Name	Description	Size	Local/Legal Description	Status	Contact Name
Rimrock Ecosystem Restoration Projects EIS	Resurface 27 miles and improve drainage and harden road surfaces on 13 additional miles. Obliterate and remove 10 miles of system road. Decommission 4 miles of system road. Improve closures on 22 roads. Road 230902 and 2300101 will be changed from open to closed status. Three existing roads fording Wall Creek will be improved. Maintain 140 in-channel fish structures on Big Wall and Wilson Creeks. Prescribe burn 42,000 acres to promote desired species composition and commercial thin to improve or maintain forest health. The project also includes other restoration projects.	33,000 ccf 5,500 ac.	Morrow, Wheeler, & Grant Co. OR, T-5S., R.25-27E.; T.6S., R.25-27E.; T.7S., R-25-27E.	<u>Decision signed to implement project, except that portion within C3 winter range management area. The decision on this area will be made at a later date.</u>	Dave Kendrick
Rocky Flat Springs Upland Water Source CE	Place a spring box at the spring source, place water trough downslope and away from the spring source, and build an exclosure around the spring source.	2 ½ ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.26E., Sec. 30 NE/SW; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 11 NE/SW; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 10 NW/SE; T.8S., R.26E., Sec. 3 NE/SW	Scoping & Analysis, Expect Decision <u>4/04</u>	Tom McLain
Bologna Basin Salvage EA	Salvage logging of severely defoliated stands caused by the 2001 Douglas-fir Tussock Moth outbreak. Commercially thin to improve or maintain forest health; lessen the likelihood of a high-intensity catastrophic fire; and reforest understocked areas for restoration of wildlife cover.	861 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.26E.	<u>30-day comment period ended 7-7-03. Decision pending</u>	Mike Burns
Mallory Noncommercial Thin CE	Noncommercial thinning of young conifer stands in order to improve tree health and growth.	1,028 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.25E., and R.29E.; T.6S., R.28E. and R.29E.	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision <u>1/04</u>	<u>Sid High</u>
Tupper Defensible Space Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce the risk of wildland fire to the Tupper Administrative Site and associated buildings while providing a safer environment for firefighters to take suppression actions. Fuels that contribute to crown fire development and movement would be reduced through vegetation manipulation of the undergrowth and thinning of the overstory.	167 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 4 and 9	Scoping and Analysis. <u>Collaborative meeting October 1. Expect Decision 10/03</u>	Doug Baxter

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Black Mountain Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce existing fuels to a level that will not support a stand replacement wildfire using various treatment methods, such as: grapple piling, chipping, and skyline suspension systems, along with hand piling. Areas to be treated typically contain fuel amounts and arrangements that require treatment prior to the introduction of prescribed fire.	2,745 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 14, 22, 23, 24; T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 18 and 19	Scoping and Analysis	Doug Baxter
Shaw/Black Mountain Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Black Mountain and Shaw grade areas.	Approx. 300 ccf/150 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28&29E.	<u>Project Postponed</u>	Brian Spivey
Eastend Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Mallory and Potamus areas.	Approx. 250 ccf/125 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.28&29E.	<u>Project Postponed</u>	Brian Spivey
Wineland Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Long Prairie and The Notch areas.	Approx. 200 ccf/100 mbf	Wheeler Co. OR. T.6S., R.24E. & T.7S., R.23, 24, & 25E.	<u>Project Postponed</u>	Brian Spivey
Southern Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Bull Prairie, Wall Creek and Indian Creek areas.	Approx. 400 ccf/200 mbf	Grant & Wheeler Co. OR. T.7S., R.25, 26, and 27E.	<u>Project Postponed</u>	Brian Spivey
Alder Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Removal of hazard trees along open roads in the Tupper and Alder Creek areas.	Approx. 400 ccf/200 mbf	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27&28E.	<u>Project Postponed</u>	Brian Spivey
Alder Creek Trailhead Maintenance CE	Construct a trail bridge to prevent the trail from crossing through the creek. Construct corrals within the dispersed camping area to replace existing corrals adjacent to the creek. Resurface Rd. 2100140.	35'x6' .5 acres, .5 miles	Morrow Co. OR. T.6S., R.27E., Sec. 2	Scoping and Analysis. Expect Decision 04/04	Dana Reid
Penland Rehab CE	Restoration and fuels reduction in areas affected by the spruce budworm infestations during the late 1980's and early 1990's. Activities include fuels reduction to reduce fire risk (snags will either be grapple piled and burned or removed from the site as logs or chips). Reforestation spot planting will occur in open areas after prescribed burning.	466 acres	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 13, 14, 24, 25, 28, and 29; T.5S., R.29E., Sec. 30	Scoping and Analysis	Michael Burns
*Penland Lake Wildland/Urban Interface	Reduction of hazardous fuels (live & dead) that pose a direct threat to the summer homes in the Penland Lake area. Lessen the intensity and severity of wildfire by thinning, pruning and mechanically masticating live and dead fuels.	200 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 22 & 23	Scoping and analysis	Mark Johnson
*Stalling Unit 1 Salvage	Salvage and thinning of trees affected by Douglas-fir tussock moth outbreaks in 2001-2002.	65 ac.	Wheeler Co. OR. T.8S., R.25E, Sec. 1, 2, 11, & 12	Scoping and Analysis	Janet Stefani

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*John Day Basin Range Allotments	Develop Grazing Allotment Management Plans for the Hardman, Tamarack-Monument, Little Wall and Stone Hill Allotment areas.	98,499 acres	Morrow, Wheeler, and Grant Co. OR. T.5&6S., R.26-27E.; T.7&8S., R.25,26,&27E.	Scoping & Analysis	Janet Stefani
*Heppner Post and Poles	Provide post and poles to the public for personal or commercial use and to provide the Heppner Ranger District with post and poles for administrative use.	266 ac.	Morrow Co. OR. T.4S., R.28E., Sec. 13; T.4S., R.29E., Sec. 31-32; T.5S., R.27E., Sec. 25; T.5S., R.28E., Sec. 13; T.5S., R.29E., sec. 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 18-20, 29	Scoping & Analysis	Michael Burns



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Buck Creek Underburn EA	Underburning portions/spots of approximately 5,280 acres to reduce risk of wildfire to the town of Granite, improve timber stand conditions, and improve the opportunity to implement prescribed fire within wilderness.	5,280 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.34, 35 E., 3 miles NW of Granite, OR	<u>ESA consultation completed.</u> <u>Expect Decision 1/04</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Wild West Fuels Reduction EA	Underburn approximately 29,000 acres of ponderosa pine and mixed conifer to reduce surface fuel loadings, improve wildlife forage, and reduce non-fire dependent tree species regeneration. Re-introduce low intensity fire into a fire dependent ecosystem on a 10-year average entry (rotation). (Note: This includes the following units: Ellis Meadow, Potamus, Thompson Falls, Parallel, Big Bird, Morsay, Gopher, Dry 5, Wolflick, Sugar Bowl, Divide, Gulliford, Kenny Prairie, Matlock, and Tribble.)	24,260 ac.	Morrow & Umatilla Co. OR. T.4&5S., R.29&30E.	<u>ESA consultation completed.</u> <u>Expect Decision 1/04</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Tower Fire Recovery Project EIS	Involves 47 projects to recover 50,800-acre Tower Fire area including: road repair or road obliteration; removal of fish passage barriers; fencing of riparian areas; planting of riparian vegetation; soil stabilization and decompaction; prescribed fire; rehabilitation of Oriental Campground, scattered dispersed campsites, and trails; construction of an OHV trail; commercial and noncommercial thinning of densely stocked live trees. Some activities would occur within the South Fork Tower Roadless Area. FEIS and ROD available at www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm	598 ac. of commercial thinning (1.5 mmbf; 11.6 mi. of road closure, 33.1 mi. of road obliteration.	Grant & Umatilla Co. OR. T.5S., R.6S., T.7S., R.32E., R.33E., R.33-1/2E., R.34E.	<u>Two appeals received and resolved.</u> <u>Beginning implementation</u>	Janel Lacey

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Granite Area Mining Projects EIS	Recent listings under the Endangered Species Act have necessitated updating the environmental analyses for existing and proposed mining plans of operations for active mining operations within the Granite Creek Watershed. DEIS available at www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm	16 mining claims	Grant Co. OR; T8-10S, R35,35-1/2E	DEIS available. Comment period ended. Expect FEIS <u>Fall</u> 2003	Bob Reed
Camp Creek Placers EA	Further development of an existing mining site in order to excavate and process material for mineral extraction. EA available at www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm	5 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.7S., R.33E., Sec. 6	<u>ESA consultation completed.</u> Expect <u>Decision</u> 1/04	Bob Reed
Round Meadows Trail Reroute EA	Relocate 1.5 miles of trail (two segments) and a bridge to reduce erosion. Repair gully on old section of trail to reduce sediment deposit into South Fork Cable Creek. EA available for review at www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/nepa/readroom.htm	1.5 mi.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.6S., R.33E., Sections 14, 15, and 22	Decision pending completion of ESA consultation	Rick Guglielmi
Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment EA	Analyze sheep grazing effects on Trout Meadows Sheep Allotment	31,000 acres	Grant Co. OR. T.6S., R.34E., T.6S., R.35E., T.7S., R.34E., T.7S., R.35 1/2E; T.7S., R.35E	Scoping & Analysis	Tom Thompson
NFJD Non-commercial Thinning EA	Thinning of non-commercial sized conifer trees and treatment of created fuels. To be implemented 2004-2009.	25,000 ac.	Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, & Union Co. OR. District-wide, outside of wilderness, roadless, RCHA's and LAU's	Scoping	Scott McDonald
Genetic Investigation of Trout in Winom Creek CE	Sample trout population to determine presence of bull trout and determine extent of bull trout/brook trout hybridization.		Umatilla & Grant Co. OR. T.6S., R.33E., Sec. 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32; and T.7S., R.33E., Sec. 1, 7, 12	Scoping	Kristy Groves

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Western Route Vegetative Management EA	Commercially thin densely stocked stands on dry sites to reduce tree competition and improve forest health.			<u>Development and analysis.</u> Expect EA Fall 2003	Lea Baxter
Roadside Hazard Tree Removal CE	Remove dead or damaged trees that could fall into Forest Road 52 (outside the Tower Fire boundary) and Forest Road 10.	Spots along approximately 30 miles	Umatilla & Grant Co. OR	Scoping. Expect Decision 10/03	Ralph Hartman
FY03 District-wide Porcupine Damage Control CE	Removal of porcupine in areas where trees are or could be heavily damaged or killed by porcupine. This would be done to maintain adequate tree stocking levels, reduce the need of replanting an area or maintain costly trees such as those found in Tree Orchards and Evaluation Plantations.	Approx. 1,500 acres	Morrow, Umatilla, & Grant Co. OR. District-wide	<u>Decision Signed</u> 7/10/03	Vince Novotny
Moro Properties Powerline Permit	Approve a Special Use Permit for Moro Properties, LLC. Project would extend an existing powerline and cross approximately 300 feet Forest Service land.	Less than 1 ac.	Grant Co. OR. T.8S., R.31E., Sec. 14	Scoping and Analysis. Expect Decision <u>Fall 03</u>	Ralph Hartman
Osprey Platform CE	Install a nesting platform for osprey at Olive Lake.	Less than 1 ac.	T.9S., R.24E., Sec. 15	Scoping and Analysis. Expect Decision <u>Fall 03</u>	Holly Harris
Gulch Mechanical Fuels Reduction CE	Use mechanical and manual methods to reduce fuel loads. Mechanical methods could include grapple piling, skyline suspension, or chipping.	4,500 ac.	T.3S., R.33 & 34E.	Scoping. Expect Decision <u>Fall 03</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
Battle Mechanical Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Burn CE	Use mechanical and manual methods to reduce fuel loads. Mechanical methods could include grapple piling, skyline suspension, or chipping. Controlled fire would also be used to reduce fuels and treat resulting debris.	4,500 acres	T.8S., R.33 & 34E.	Scoping, Expect Decision <u>Fall 03</u>	Randy Fitzgerald
*Matlock Salvage CE	Salvage logging of windfall trees from wind storm during the winter of 2002	Approx. 200 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.4S., R.29E.	Scoping, Expect Decision Spring 2004	Ralph Hartman

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Road 40 Reconstruction CE	Propose to repair and improve unsafe and degrading sections of a forest arterial. Work would include reconditioning of existing road surfaces, removal of hazard trees, improvement of road drainage facilities, establishment of standard road widths through narrow sections, constructing additional turnouts, and stabilizing cut and fill slopes.	13.8 km (8.58 mi.)	Garfield & Asotin Co. WA. T.7N., R.43E., Sec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 29; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 31	Expect Decision 2003	Lonnie Ruchert
Tallow Tail Prescribed Fire EA	Propose to use landscape prescribed fire and mechanical fuels treatments to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce catastrophic fire potential, and increase forage production. Prescribed burning will take place in the fall using hand and/or aerial ignition methods.	Approx. 2,000 ac.	Garfield and Columbia Co. WA T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 1, 12, & 13; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 5-8, 18, and 19	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2003	Melinda Martin, Steve Carlson
Bench Vegetation and Fuels Management Area EA	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal, mechanical tree removal, and prescribed fire treatments to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce wildfire hazard, and increase forage production.	Approx. 650 ac., 1-2 mmbf	Garfield and Wallowa Co. WA. T.6N., R.42E., Sec. 1-4, 9, 15, 16, & 22.	Comment period ended 6/6/03	<u>Dean Millett</u>
Wickiup Campground CE	Existing facility has deteriorated. Project scope will eliminate access barriers, improve the usage potential of the campground, and protect the area from further resource damage. Project entails placing campground sign, replacement of picnic tables and fire rings as needed; surfacing access roads and parking spurs with aggregate; placement of boulder/log parking barriers; and facility maintenance as needed.	6 campsites 2 ac.	Garfield Co. OR. T.N., R.43E., Sec. 28	Expect Decision 2003	Del Groat
Teal Camp Campground CE	Project entails replacing existing bulletin board; placing fire rings and picnic tables; resealing shelter; placement of concrete sidewalk to outhouses; surfacing access road and parking spurs with aggregate; and facility maintenance as needed. Work will help eliminate access barriers and make campground more usable.	8 campsites 5 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 8	Expect Decision 2003	Del Groat
Big Butte Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 800 ac.	Asotin Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, & 35	Postponed	Melinda Martin, Steve Carlson

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Twin Buttes Fuels Reduction CE	Propose to use mechanical fuels removal and prescribed fire treatments to reduce wildfire hazard in wildland/urban interface.	Approx. 100 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.6N., R.40E., Sec. 2 & 3	Scoping & Analysis. Expect Decision 2003	Melinda Martin Steve Carlson
Misery Springs Campground CE	Existing facility has deteriorated and is showing the "wear and tear" of visitor use. Project entails surfacing entrance, loop roads, and parking spurs with aggregate; replacing fire rings, tables, and vault outhouse; relocating campground sign; vegetation rehabilitation; and facility maintenance as needed. Project scope will eliminate accessibility barriers; improve the vegetation growth between campsites and low impact areas; and increase the health and safety of the facility.	5 campsites; 3 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.7N., R.42E., Sec. 1	Expect Decision 2003	Del Groat
Stentz Spring Recreation Residence Lot #8 Water Reservoir Placement CE	Propose to relocate existing 350 gallon water reservoir to supply gravity feed water to recreation residence.	.1 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 29	Scoping, Expect Decision 2003	Rich Martin
Blue Mountain Archers Permit Reissuance CE	Reissuance of Special Use Permit for the purpose of holding a two-day archery shoot.	Approx. 20 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 21	Scoping, Expect Decision 2003	Rich Martin
Lewis Creek Fuels & Vegetation Management Project EA	Proposed to use mechanical fuels removal, mechanical tree removal, and prescribed fire treatments to improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce wildfire hazard, and increase forage production.	3,100 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Portions of sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 23; T.9N., R.40E., portion of sec. 34.	Analysis. Expect Decision 2003	Dean Millett
North-South ORV Trail EA	Propose to construct 29-mile ORV Trail from forest boundary on Road 40 to forest boundary on Road 4304. The trail system will offer user group a safe recreational trail opportunity	29 miles	Garfield & Asotin Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 4, 9, 16-17, 20, 39, 32; T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 5, 8-9, 15, 22-23, 25-26, 36; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 29, 31-32, 34-36; and T.7N., R.44E., Sec. 2-6.	Scoping. Expect Decision in 2004	Rich Martin
Big Spring Campground Erosion Control Project CE	Propose to repair and improve degrading section of entry road, replacement of picnic tables and fire rings. Repair water line and surfacing of trailer and tent pads.	Approx. 2 ac.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 27 & 28.	Decision Signed 9/2/03	Ken Bott
Cloverland Sno-Park Expansion CE	Expand existing sno-park to make more efficient use of parking area. Provide safer parking conditions and protect resources in the area.	Approx. 2 ac.	Asotin Co. WA. T.8N., R.44E., Sec. 29	Decision Signed 7/29/03	Rich Martin

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Stevens Ridge ATV Trail Complex EA	Construct a trail network to accommodate a variety of recreation uses. The trail will be designated for ATV use, but will be available for other user groups.	Approx. 18.34 mi.	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 3-4, 9-10, & 16	Scoping and Analysis	Rich Martin
Elk Flats-Wenaha Breaks Research Natural area	Formally designate the proposed Elk Flat-Wenaha Breaks Area as a Research Natural area.	1,970 acres	Wallowa Co. OR. T.5&6N., R.40E. Located in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness.	EA preparation	Jean Wood 541-278-3931
Rose Spring Recreation Resident Lot #8 Improvements CE	Remove existing front window on upper floor of cabin and replace with emergency exit door. Construct 8'x10' storage shed.	Approx. 80 sq. feet	Garfield Co. WA. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 9	Decision Signed 8/20/03	Rich Martin
Rose Spring Recreation Improvement Project CE	Expand the existing Sno-Park parking area to provide safer parking conditions, construct a 40 x 25 ft. pole building on concrete pads to store snow grooming equipment, and improve area for camping with loop road and parking spurs (surface with aggregate), install three fire rings and a vault outhouse.	Approx. 4.5 ac.	Garfield Co. Wa. T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 9	Scoping	Rich Martin
* 2004 Personal Use Post and Pole Program CE	Removal of green lodgepole pine, not larger than 7 inches dbh, and dead lodgepole pine with no size limit for personal use.	Approx. 30 ac.	Garfield Co. WA Bear Pole area. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 9; Lick Pole area T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 4; Iron Pole area – T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 33; and Big Bull Pole area – T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 28	Scoping and Analysis	Bill Bowles
* FY 2004 Non-Commercial Thinning CE	Mechanically reduce stocking levels in 20-year old stands through non-commercial thinning treatments. Treatments will improve forest vegetation health and resiliency, reduce wildfire hazard, and increase forage production.	Approx. 500 ac.	Asotin & Garfield Co. WA. T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 14, 15, 22, and 28; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 36; T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 35; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 8; T.9N., R.42E., Sec. 6 & 7	Scoping & Analysis	Bill Lydie
* Peola Cattle and Horse (C&H) Grazing Allotment EA	Analyze the effects of continuing the authorization of cattle grazing within the existing allotment. A new allotment management plan will be developed from the analysis.	Approx. 23,375 ac. of Nat'l Forest Land and 640 ac. of WA State land	Asotin & Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.42E., Sec. 1-5; T.8N., R.43E., Sec. 3 & 4; T.9N., R.42E., portions of sec. 1, 11, 12, 14, 22, 25, 27, 28, 33, 36 and all of Sec. 13, 23, 24, 26, 34-35; T.9N., R.43E., portions of Sec. 7, 11-14, 18-19, 23-26, 31-32, 34, and all of Sec. 9-10, 15-17, 20-22, 27-30, and 33.	Scoping & Analysis	Angela Whittaker

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*Willow Fire Restoration Project CE	Salvage of dead and/or dying trees with commercial timber harvest in area recently burned. The project may include incidental removal of live or dead trees for landings, skid trails, and road clearing. There will be no more than ½ miles of temporary road construction.	Approx. 240 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. In all or portions of T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 1-3; and T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 24-36.	Scoping & analysis. Expect Decision Fall 2003	Dean Millett
*Lower Tucannon Ecosystem Management Project – EIS	Project activities include reintroduction of landscape fire, reduction of natural and created fuels, road obliteration, road reconstruction, and restoration of forest stand structure/composition using a variety of silvicultural treatments, including commercial timber harvest. (6,100 ac. in Willow Springs Inventoried Roadless Area; 1,250 in Meadow Cr. Inventoried Roadless Area)	16,300 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Sec. 1, 2, and 11-14; T.8N., R.41E., Sec. 5 & 6; T.9N., R.40E., Sec. 24-26, and 35-36; T.9N., R.41E., Sec. 2-4, 9-24, and 26-35	Scoping & Analysis	Dean Millett



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Plenty Bob Restoration Project EIS	Salvage of dead and dying timber, stocking level control, 18,000 of prescribed fire and wildlife burns. Precommercial thinning 45 miles of road obliteration.	Estimated volume 10-20 mmbf	Umatilla Co. OR, T.1, 2 & 3N., R.36&37E.	Notice and comment period ended 9/24/01. FEIS in progress. Expect Decision 1/04	Glen Westlund
Pedro/Colt Timber Sale EA	Salvage of dead and dying timber, stocking level control, road obliteration and precommercial thinning.	13,000 mbf 2,000 harvest acres; 5,300 ac. Prescribed fire	Umatilla & Union Co. OR, T.1&2N., R.38&39E.	<u>Decision for Colt signed 7/18/03.</u> <u>Expect Decision for Pedro 2/04</u>	Glen Westlund
64 Rd. NF Touchet Paving EA	Improve drainage, minor reconstruction, pave road from Co. Rd. to 6400650 (Ski Bluewood) <u>Snowmobile Trail reroute.</u>	7.5 mi.	Columbia Co. WA, T.7&8N., R.40E.	<u>EA preparation.</u> Expect Decision <u>12/03</u>	Glen Westlund
Touchet Corral and North Touchet EA	Replace three bridges, construct cross-drains, reconstruct 500 feet of steep slope.	3 mi.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.40E., Sec. 2, 17, 18, 20	<u>Notice and comment period ends Oct. 27</u>	
Corporation/Buck Creek Organization Camp Permit CE	Issue special use permit to operate Corporation and Buck Creek as an Organization Camp. Included is the replacement of a bridge.	9 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.37E., Sec. 21 & 22	Expect Decision <u>6/04</u>	Jeff Bloom
Ninemile Trailhead Horse Camp CE	Add facilities for users with horses at the existing trailhead. Facilities to be added include an unloading ramp, mangers, hitching rails, pull through parking spurs and toilets.	3 ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 32	Scoping	Steve Anderson
Middle Point Ridge <u>Trailhead</u> CE	Install restroom at trailhead.	.1 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.8N., R.40E., Sec. 27	Scoping	Steve Anderson
Spring Mountain Sheep Allotment EA	Analyze the effects of continuing sheep grazing within the existing allotment giving consideration to soils, watershed, wildlife, fisheries, recreation, timber and other resources.	35,374 ac.	Umatilla Co. WA. T.1S., R.37E.	Scoping. Expect Decision <u>Winter 2004</u>	Tom Thompson

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Hardwood Restoration EA	Restoration of primarily aspen and cottonwood stands across the district. Management actions to be considered include fencing, prescribed fire, removal of competing conifers and other vegetation, planting and transplanting seedlings	102 aspen sites; 50 cottonwood and other hardwoods	District-wide	EA Preparation	Kathy Campbell
Bluewood Tamarack Trail Culverts CE	Install 3 culverts where stream crosses ski trail.	0.03 ac.	Columbia Co. WA. T.7N., R.38E., Sec. 18 & 19.	Scoping. Expect Decision <u>2/04</u>	Jeff Bloom
Fry Creek Seed Orchard Fuel Break CE	Prune approximately 59 acres in the stand surrounding the Fry Creek Seed Orchard	59 ac.	Union Co. OR. T.4N., R.40E., Sec. 33	Expect Decision <u>2/04</u>	John Mitchell
Corporation Septic Tank CE	Install new septic tank drainfield at Corporation Guard Station	<1/10 th ac.	Umatilla Co. OR. T.3N., R.37E., Sec. 21	<u>Decision Signed 7/11/03</u>	Jeff Bloom
Table Rock Toilet CE	Installation of toilet approximately 600 feet NE of Table Rock Lookout	400 sq. feet	Walla Walla Co. WA. T.6N., R.39E., Sec. 3.	Scoping	Doug Simler
Dry Creek Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce fuel loadings and reduce ladder fuels within 200 feet of Forest Roads 31 and 32 using machine mastication.	600 ac.	Umatilla & Union Co. OR	<u>Decision Signed 7/23/03</u>	Su Meredith
Boundary Fuels Reduction CE	Reduce surface and ladder fuels within ¼ miles of the Forest Boundary and within the North Mt. Emily Roadless Area. Fuels reduction would utilize hand methods and burning of piles.	1,000 ac.	Umatilla & Union Co. OR.	<u>Decision Signed 7/24/03</u>	Su Meredith
Lower Sheep Timber Sale and Fire Reintroduction Project EA	Lower elevation Forest along the breaks to the Grande Ronde River would utilize prescribed fire and timber harvest to restore ponderosa pine and western larch Forest and grasslands and brush along the canyon walls. No harvest is proposed in the roadless area. Forest treatments in higher elevations would focus on mixed Forest stands in need of stocking control or the removal of off site ponderosa pine. Approximately 40% of the harvest would occur in lynx habitat with treatments that would not change habitat use. The majority of stands are dominated by western larch	4,300 ac. of prescribed fire. 2,680 acres of harvest.	Wallowa Co. OR. T.4N., R.40E.; T.4N., R.39E., Sec. 1, 12, 13, 24, 25; T.4N., R.41E., Sec. 7, 18, 30, 31; T.5N., R.40E., Sec. 31, 32, 33, 28, 29.	<u>EA preparation</u>	John Mitchell, Glen Westlund
*NCT (non-commercial thinning) CE	Reduction of stocking in regeneration units generally less than 30 years old.	1,703 ac.	District-wide	Proposed scoping	John Mitchell
*Morning Creek Snowpark Expansion CE	Expand the upper level of the sno-park to better handle longer vehicles parking at the site.	1 ac.	T.3N., R.38E., Sec. 5	Scoping	Steve Anderson

