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Rising from the Ashes..



The new Middle Fork Ranger Station was designed in a northwest "Cascadian" style of architecture.

An arsonist destroyed the Oakridge Ranger Station on October 30, 1996. The building and its contents were completely consumed by the fire. Over 50 permanent employees lost not only their workplace but also the tools, the records, the research and the mementos of the years they had served the public from that site.

Just prior to the arson, a decision had been made to consolidate Lowell, Oakridge and Rigdon Ranger Districts into one large unit named Middle Fork Ranger



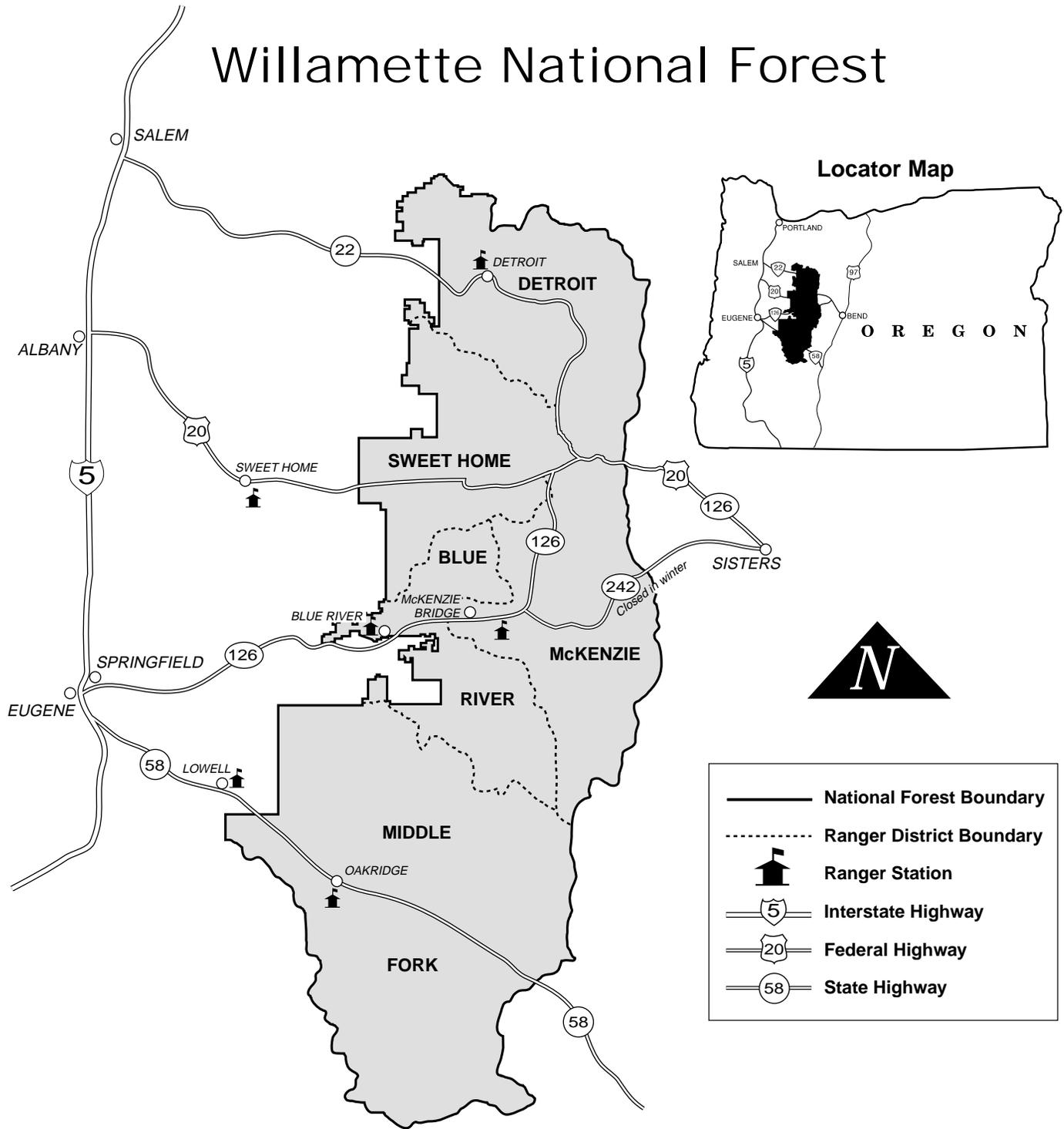
Chief Emeritus Jack Ward Thomas was keynote speaker at the open house celebration on October 27, 2000.

District. More than 120 permanent employees of the original three districts would be united as well.

Support from the Northwest Congressional delegation resulted in approval and funding to build a new facility at the old site.

The new Middle Fork Ranger Station opened for business on October 30, 2000, exactly four years after the Oakridge Ranger Station was destroyed.

Willamette National Forest



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For Your Information:

This is the “Fall 2000” issue of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest’s Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA).

This quarterly announcement is our way of keeping you, the owners of this forest, informed and involved in our plans and progress. These activities are focused on protecting, conserving, benefitting from, and restoring forest ecosystems. We invite you to participate in this important work by sharing your interest and ideas. Each project identifies who to contact to ensure that you reach the right person for more information or to provide input.

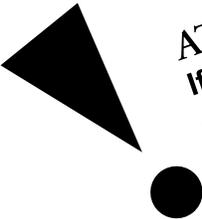
HIGHLIGHTS--A number of national-level initiatives remain in the forefront: National Forest Management Act [NFMA] regulation revisions, roads policy, roadless area protection). These are important processes that may affect the future management of your national forest. Please check our website, (forest, region, and national offices) or call us for further information.

If you have questions about this publication or want to be added to the mailing list, contact Neal Forrester in the Supervisor’s Office, Eugene, OR, at (541) 465-6521. The Forest Focus can also be found on our web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team,



DARREL L. KENOPS
Forest Supervisor



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For Your Information

REGION-WIDE (OREGON/WASHINGTON)

Survey and Manage Species

On August 2, 1999, Judge Dwyer's Court found the BLM and the Forest Service did not fully comply with two provisions of the Northwest Forest Plan 1994 Record of Decision. The provisions are related to the agencies' Survey and Manage program, a program to survey and protect a variety of little known plant and animal species.

The challenge of complying with the Survey and Manage requirements for rarely studied species, such as mollusks, lichens, and amphibians, has been recognized. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is in progress to modify current Survey and Manage direction. It will also address issues brought forth by the recent Court ruling. The SEIS will use new information collected from four years of surveying and the best available science to modify Survey and Manage direction to be more efficient, effective, and consistent with Northwest Forest Plan objectives.

The public comment period on the Draft SEIS ended this past March. The release of the Final SEIS is scheduled for November. Please contact Hugh Snook, BLM, Oregon State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, or phone (503) 808-2197 to request a copy of the final document.

Mink Lake Basin Spotted Frog Receives Protection



In an historic multi-agency effort, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife joined the Willamette National Forest in signing a Conservation Agreement to preserve and restore the Oregon spotted frog population in the Mink Lake Basin located in the Three Sisters



Wilderness.

The Oregon spotted frog is a candidate for Federal Listing under the Endangered Species Act. A native frog usually found near shallow waters of wetlands, springs, ponds, lakes, and slow moving streams, it is estimated that 70% of historic populations have been lost across the species' geographic range. Habitat loss and predation by non-native species (brook trout and bull frogs) are believed to be the most significant contributors to population declines.

The Conservation Agreement is a 10-year commitment by the three agencies to stabilize or increase the spotted frog population at Mink Lake Basin, reduce threats to the species and increase distribution among available suitable habitats. The agreement calls for monitoring, public education, site protection, potential habitat surveys, review and evaluation of potential impacts, and defining and identifying Spotted Frog Conservation Areas.

Contact: Cheryl Friesen, McKenzie Ranger District

The Northwest Forest Pass

This pass is valid for most Forest Service fee demonstration sites throughout Oregon and Washington. The annual vehicle pass is \$30. A daily vehicle

pass costs \$5. Annual passes are valid for a year from the month of purchase.

National Forests in Oregon and Washington have been charging fees for some recreation activities under the Recreation Fee Demonstration authority since 1997. The Willamette National Forest has been using the fee demonstration authority to help fund four recreation programs that includes:

- Trail Maintenance—Over 240 trails are in the program;



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REGION-WIDE (OREGON/ WASHINGTON) (cont.)

- Cougar Recreation Area—Fees help manage and maintain Terwilliger Hot Springs and overnight and day use sites;
- Cabin Rentals—6 cabins are in the system now, others will be added;
- Campgrounds—11 campgrounds are in the system (not already operated by concessionaires).

Visitors who plan to park at most of this Forest's trailheads are required to purchase the Northwest Forest Pass and display it on their vehicle. The pass replaced most of the individual passes that frustrated visitors throughout Oregon and Washington. This means there is no longer a Trail Park passes on the Willamette, as well as on 13 other Forests.

Holders of the pass can also enter and use many per-person fee sites; for example, Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and Terwilliger Hot Springs. Visitors who do not hold one of the Northwest Forest Passes will have to pay on a per-person fee basis to enter sites that have per person fees. Some recreation sites and/or activities still require a separate fee, like camping in developed sites, cabin and lookout rentals, wilderness permits, and river permits.

The pass is available at all Forest Service offices and from selected vendors. It is also available over the internet at www.naturenw.org or by calling 1-800-270-7504 toll free.

Contact: Julie Cox, Supervisor's Office

WILLAMETTE PROVINCE-WIDE

INFMS Draft Coming Soon

Over the last 70 years, as we focused on suppressing wildland fires, conditions in forested areas have changed. The exclusion of fire has resulted in higher levels of combustible materials, forest stands that are too dense, native plant communities being taken over by non-native species and other undesirable conditions.

The Willamette National Forest, Eugene and Salem Districts, BLM, have been working to-

gether to develop a strategy to identify possible approaches for returning our forests to a more balanced condition. An Interagency team of specialists is finishing work on the Integrated Natural Fuels Management Strategy (INFMS).

We will have a draft available for public review on November 24, 2000. While this is not a NEPA process (which will occur at the project level), we believe your thoughts, ideas and insights can benefit the team.

To that end, we created a website to provide information, answer questions, and give you an opportunity to follow along with the project. Both the draft and the final INFMS document will be available for downloading as a "pdf" for those of you who choose to print off your own copy or portions of the document. You can access the site directly at (<http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/infms>) or go through the Willamette National Forest website at (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette>). We invite you to check out our website and learn along with us!

Contact: Rich Fairbanks, Supervisor's Office, (541) 465-6577.

FOREST-WIDE

Land Feature Name Change

In response to requests from local Indian tribes, the Forest is embarking on an effort to recommend name changes to the Oregon Board of Geographic Names for three features with racially derogatory and offensive names: Squaw Butte, Squaw Creek, and Squaw Mountain. The process will include seeking input for appropriate new place names from tribes and other interested parties.

Contact: Roseanne Lestenkof or Catherine Lindberg, Supervisor's Office

Safety on Forest Roads

Due to reduced budgets, road maintenance such as brushing and grading is not as frequent as it has been in the past. Therefore, we urge you to use an extra measure of caution when driving on Forest Service roads.

FOREST-WIDE (cont.)

Vandalism on Federal Lands

If you witness any acts of vandalism, destruction, or unauthorized gathering of forest products, please contact the nearest Ranger District or the Willamette National Forest in Eugene (541) 465-6865.

Release of Names

The Office of General Council in the Department of Agriculture determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who 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 the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS

West Portal Facility, McKenzie-Santiam Scenic Byway

McKenzie RD

Construction on the McKenzie-Santiam Scenic Byway West Portal Facility has been ongoing since April of this year. The addition to the McKenzie Ranger District office includes a new 2,031 square foot visitor reception area with



restrooms, a 1,370 square foot administrative office space addition, expanded visitor parking, and improved landscaping. The visitor entrance features a cathedral ceiling with exposed native timber columns and laminated beams. Incorporated into the design are native stone floors and interior and exterior stone masonry veneer. New windows and siding on the existing building will compliment the visitor entrance and administrative addition. The entire office facility has also received a new roof.

Also included are the additions of refuge and left turn lanes to Hwy 126 which will address traffic safety issues.

Portal completion is another phase of the byway plan. Planning and interim portal work began seven years ago. The project is funded with partnership monies from the Federal Highway Administration, Oregon Department of Transpor-

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tation, grants, and the Forest Service. Partnership contributions represent 30 percent of the total project costs.

The gateway portal will serve visitors to both the McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway and the West Cascades National Scenic Byway. Completion is scheduled for December 2000.

Contact: Stacey Smith

Motorized Trail Maintenance

Middle Fork RD

Tread repair (includes minor relocation), erosion control barrier cleanout and installation, and upgrading of signs on the Huckleberry Flats Motorcycle Trail will occur in the fall and early winter of 2000. A joint effort between the Forest Service and the Emerald Trail Riders Association will accomplish the work.

NEPA documentation for each of the project areas can be found in their respective timber sale Environmental Assessments. A Categorical Exclusion is on file for the tread relocation. The erosion control program is funded by the Knutson-Vandenberg Act, and a grant from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department.

Contact: Wendy Zustiak

Silvicultural Activities

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

The Middle Fork Ranger District silviculture department implements a variety of projects throughout the year such as reforestation, stand density management, pruning, and vegetative materials collections.

Contacts: Ginny Tennis or Mike Jensen

Hills Creek Western Pond Turtle Telemetry Study – Challenge Cost Share (USFS, ACOE & ODF&W)

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir, adjacent tributaries & uplands.

The purpose of this study is two-fold: (1) to aid in determining habitat used for over-wintering by western pond turtles at Hills Creek reservoir and (2) to determine breeding success and nesting areas in spring 2001.

Status: Two year study (1st phase completed Summer 2000)

Implementation: Fall 2000 & Summer to Fall 2001

Contact: Deborah Quintana-Coyer

Water Quality Management Plans

Detroit RD

The District has prepared a draft Water Quality Management Plan for Blowout Creek within the North Santiam watershed. This stream has been identified by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in their 1998 "Section 303(d) list of Water Quality Limited Streams." The Blowout Creek stream system is found above the Detroit

Reservoir and is currently listed due to stream temperature that exceed standards. The draft plan has been submitted to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for review.

Completion: Fall 2000

Contact: Dave Halemeier

Owl Creek Special Habitat Area Plan

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5,S.24. An Implementation Guide for the Owl Creek Special Habitat Area is being developed. This project is in the Horse Creek Watershed.

Contact: Lisa Lyon



For Your Information

FROM THE RANGER DISTRICTS (cont.)

Peregrine Falcon Management Plan

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed.

Develop a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for Breitenbush.

Completion: Fall 2000

Contact: Daryl Whitmore

Quartzville Watershed Analysis

Sweet Home RD, T10S,R4&5E; T11S,R4E;

T11S,R5E; T12S,R4&5E.

This is a joint project between Salem BLM and Forest Service.

Completion: FY 2001

Contact: Doug Shank

Gold Butte Lookout Stabilization/ Rehabilitation

Detroit RD

Work on the stabilization and rehabilitation of Gold Butte Lookout continue. Both the access road and the building itself will be closed to public use while the work progresses. It is anticipated that the project will be completed sometime in 2001.

Contact: Cara Kelly

Blowout Creek Suspension Bridge Reopened

Detroit RD

The Blowout Creek suspension bridge on the Detroit Ranger District, which was closed to entry and use due to deterioration of the supporting suspension cables has been repaired and is now open for public use.

Contact: Ray Crist

Opal Creek Scenic Wilderness & Scenic Recreation Area Update

Detroit RD

The Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council is serving as a consultant on the management of the SRA including the preparation of a management plan. The first Advisory Council meeting convened back on June 24, 2000. The council is scheduled to meet every third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm and every first Saturday at 9:00 am. The Council is in the process of formulating the current issues, and will be drafting recommendations for a Desired Future Condition of the area for the management plan.

Following the progress of the planning effort online at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/opalcreek/opalcreek.htm. This web page contains information about legislation; Advisory Council meeting minutes; presentation materials and Council recommendations; and upcoming meeting date, time, location, and agenda.

Contact: Dani Rosetti

Timber Butte Lookout Construction

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.9.

The exterior and much of the interior of the new lookout on Timber Butte has been completed. Some interior fixtures and furniture remain unfinished. Completion of the entire project is expected by Summer 2001.

Contact: Larry Lassiter



**Blowout Creek
Suspension Bridge**

Current Projects

SOPA Quarters

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

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. In addition to these factors, project work responding to the settlement agreement from the Survey and Manage lawsuit, and Section 7 Endangered Species Act consultation for listed species with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service may cause timelines and schedules to change significantly. Projected decision and implementation dates could be delayed. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect these changes as accurately as possible as we update the Forest Focus each quarter.

FOREST-WIDE

Beargrass Harvest and Ecology

Sweet Home RD

Forest Service personnel have noted that some harvest of single leaves occurs while other harvesters take the entire center of the plant. This study is aimed at determining sustainable harvest levels and techniques, while learning more about the basic biology of the species. Three plots, 1/4 acre or less in size, have been chosen in the high Cascades. Data collected will include (a) basic vegetation community sampling, (b) ecological sampling- light, soil and (c) differing levels of harvest treatment (pull, clip, control) at permanently marked plants.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jennifer Lippert

BLUE RIVER

RECREATION

Saddle Dam Toilet Replacement

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S13.

Replace existing vault toilet with new precast concrete CXT toilet building; "Gunnison" style. This toilet serves the Saddle Dam Boat Ramp and Day Use area on Blue River Reservoir adjacent to Forest Road 15.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: November 2000

Contact: Jeri Ledgerwood or Rick Ley

Current Projects

ROAD USE

Hardy Access and Travel Management

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,Sec.6,7,18,19,29-33, T18S,R5E,Sec.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The District will be starting an assessment of the road system in conjunction with timber sale planning within the Hardy analysis area this fall. We are currently gathering input on public use of the area. This analysis will consider balancing current funding levels available for road maintenance with needs for administrative and public access, and to provide alternative strategies to address road and trail management within this area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rick Ley or John Phillips

Access and Travel Management Blue River

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.25,26,27,28.

Access and travel management planning is underway in the Minor Thin Project area. This is the area south of the McKenzie River bounded on the east by Forest Road 19, on the west by Rosboro land along Quartz Creek Road 2618, and on the south by Rosboro land in the Thors Hammer area. The roads being considered include the "power line road" and roads included in the International Paper Company land exchange in 1989. Projects that are under consideration include closing or decommissioning short or unneeded road segments, possible motor vehicle restrictions of the "power line road" for either year-round or seasonal time periods. Gating would minimize harassment to big game and minimize transport of noxious weeds.

Bonneville Power Administration and Rosboro Lumber Company have easement rights to all or portions of these roads so administrative access would be permitted. The restriction devices being considered are road gates. The district is in the process of gathering issues and concerns with the public's use of this area and the road system.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Rick Ley

North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R5E AMA.

The District is planning the transportation needs within the Blue River Adaptive Management Area (AMA) in Cook and Quentin Creek sub-drainage. Possible treatments could include reconstruction, re-alignment, storage and decommissioning of existing roads within the planning area. The objective of the planning effort is to provide an effective and safe transportation system for the public and Forest Service while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: John Phillips

SILVICULTURE

Big Game Repellent

Blue River RD, District-wide.

Hand application of Big Game Repellent to approximately 200 acres of young conifer plantations, to control big game browse damage to young seedlings. Approximately 180 acres are located within the Long Term Ecosystem Productivity study area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: May 2001

Contact: Lyn Medley

TIMBER SALES

Box Canyon Hazard Tree Removal

Blue River RD, T19S,R5 1/2E,S.24.

A Decision Memo will be prepared for hazard tree removal in the Box Canyon Campground. The proposed action involves removal of approximately 70 to 80 trees (most killed by bark beetles in 1998 and 1999, plus some rotten trees) that are a hazard to campers, horses, and campground structures; and application of an anti-aggregation pheromone to repel bark beetles away from live

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

trees in the campground. Three other original proposed actions have been dropped from consideration. The District is no longer considering new campsite establishment, thinning trees in the campground, or drilling a well with this project.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: Fall/Winter 2000

Contact: Jim Overton or Rick Ley

Minor Thin

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.26,27,28,33,34,35.

This project analyzes all acres which are ready to be commercially thinned in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed. Two action alternatives have been developed. Alternative #2 proposes to thin approximately 380 acres. Alternative #3 proposes to thin 180 acres. Road management will be reviewed and approximately five miles of road will be closed.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White and Karen Geary

Hardy Timber Sale

Blue River RD, T17S,R5E,Sec.6,7,18,19,29-33, T18S,R5E,Sec.4-10,15-22,27-30.

The Hardy Timber Sale Project area has been expanded to include Cougar sixth field sub-drainage with the Hardy sixth field subdrainage. Approximately 1,500 acres will be reviewed for potential thinning and final harvest within the Hardy and Cougar subdrainages. Road construction may be needed to access these proposed harvest areas. An Access and Travel Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Teiva White or Karen Geary

Wolfmann Projects

Blue River RD, Blue River Watershed, AMA.

The "Bear Thin" and "Mann Regen" timber sales have been analyzed and documented in a draft Environmental Impact Statement called "Wolfmann Projects." Timber harvest includes approximately 800 acres of commercial thinning and approximately 240 acres of regeneration harvest. The proposed harvest follows the Blue River Landscape and Monitoring Strategy. There is also a proposal for prescribed fire on approximately 180 acres.

Status: Public comment period for DEIS ended May 3, 1999

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Karen Geary

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Blue River Watershed Fish Passage (formerly Ore Creek Fish Passage)

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R4&5E, AMA.

Three culverts in the Blue River Watershed are currently barriers to upstream passage of rainbow and cutthroat trout. This project proposes to change the stream crossings in order to provide passage. The three streams are Ore Creek (T15S, R4E, Sec 25), Mann Creek (T15S, R5E, Sec 36), and an un-named tributary of Blue River near Mann Creek (T14S, R5E, Sec 35).

Status: Analysis

Decision: Summer of 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ray Rivera

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade (formerly Coffee Creek Fish Passage)

Blue River RD, T17S,R4E,S.16.

Culvert replacement to accommodate a 100-year flood flow in Coffee Creek, which is a tributary of Quartz Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Ramon Rivera

Current Projects

WILDLIFE

Browse Cutback 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 55 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Forage Seeding 2001

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to hand seed 20 acres with native grass and legumes to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Cavity Creation 2001

Blue River RD, T15S,R6ES6.

This project proposes to enhance tree structure and habitat for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species in uniform mature stands that lack diversity. Approximately 13 trees will be cut and inoculated with stem decay for cavity starts, bat roosts, log dens and hollows.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz

Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E S10,15,14,22,23; T17S,R6E S16&21.

Early Stand Diversity Thinning proposes to reduce stocking and create diversity on 150 acres of 15-25 year old stands in the Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late Successional Reserves. The purpose of this project is to accelerate the devel-

opment of future late-successional habitat conditions consisting of large conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation and increased structural complexity. Leave tree selection will be based on the healthiest hardwoods and conifers. Excess trees will be cut using variable spacing and diversity enhancing techniques such as small gaps, clumps, open grown trees and clusters of open grown trees. True fir boughs or trees that have been cut may be removed and sold after the thinning to reduce implementation cost.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Wildlife Tree Release in Riparian Reserves 2001

Blue River RD, T18S,R6E,S32.

Wildlife Tree Release proposes to create 47 open grown trees in three previously thinned 20-26 year old conifer stands by releasing the trees to a 30' radius around the leave tree. The open grown trees will be created within riparian reserves at least 50' from streams. Creating open grown trees in the riparian reserves of a unique wildlife habitat area will accelerate the development of larger conifer trees with large crown ratios, stand differentiation and increase structural complexity to increase bird and mammal populations.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Penny Harris

Elk Thin Project

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S25-26; T18S,R51/2E,S28-33.

Commercial thin in a Special Wildlife Habitat Area. Thin approximately 100 acres of 40-year-old stands to provide forage and accelerate the development of optimal thermal habitat for big game and late-successional forest species. Enhance deer and elk forage by native grass seeding, fertilization, browse cutback in plantations,

Current Projects

WILDLIFE (cont.)

and salt and mineral block placement. Enhance overall habitat values for species using snags and down woody material by inoculating, girdling, and falling trees, as well as other tree enhancement work. Control noxious weeds, eradicate roads and create slash piles. Located in French Pete inventoried roadless area. Only existing roads would be used.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Karen Geary or Ruby Seitz

DETROIT

FACILITIES

Detroit RD Office Replacement

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.3.

The proposed project would construct a new office building on the existing administrative site located on State Highway 22, one mile west of the town of Detroit. Presently, district office functions are carried out in a combination of three separate permanent buildings and attached modular structures. The permanent structures are nearly 50 years old. The structures have been remodeled many times yet several features do not meet current standards and demands. These include wiring, insulation, heating plants, roofs, plumbing and accessibility. Design features, age and condition of the structures result in high operation and maintenance costs and preclude any feasible reconstruction alternatives to meet standards and needs. This proposal would construct a single building with space for all office functions.

Status: Analysis Ongoing

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Stephanie Phillips

LANDS AND MINERALS

Abandoned Mine Closures

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E,S.24;T8S,R5E,S.19,27,30.

Several abandoned, underground mines are located along Forest Road #2209 in the Little North Fork drainage and currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. Specific hazards in and around the mines include unstable rock at the entrance and within the underground workings, rotting timbers and rusting metal, bad air, low oxygen levels, and deep water. The proposed project will permanently close a total of seven mines, with a combination of mechanical means (blasting, foam plugs, or iron gating). This project may be implemented over several years depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Scoping, analysis ongoing

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Jim Romero

RECREATION

Kopetski Trail Bridge Replacement

Detroit RD, T8S,R5E,S.29.

The proposed project consists of replacing an existing footbridge over the Little North Santiam River, which accesses Opal Creek. The bridge is approximately 100 feet from the 2209 Road and is accessible by an old road, now part of the Kopetski Trail (also known as the Opal Creek Trail). The new bridge will be placed at the existing bridge location and will be approximately 80 feet in length.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Dani Rosetti

Current Projects

RECREATION (cont.)

Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.7,17,18.

The proposed project will reconstruct approximately two miles of trail within Mt. Jefferson Wilderness between Hunt's Cove and the Pacific Crest Trail near Cathedral Rocks. The project will include reconstruction of existing trail, installing drainage and slope stabilization structures (turn-pikes, puncheon, etc.) along with some trail relocation.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Abe Quihuis

ROADS

KV Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2002 and 2003

Detroit RD, Various locations within the Upper North Santiam River drainage.

Approximately 12 miles per year are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated using KV funding. These roads have low to no use, and are dead-end roads that were built for logging purposes. The purpose of this project is for watershed restoration.

Status: Initial Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2002 and FY2003

Contact: Dave Klug

Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Mongold Day Use

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E,S.16.

Oregon State Parks and Recreation proposes to construct two turn-around and parking areas at Mongold Day Use Area during low pool. The proposal will utilize the old road that was built during the construction of the dam. This road is currently being used for boat launching during reservoir draw down. However, it is extremely muddy and users risk getting stuck. This project

will give the public an area to maneuver their boat and park without getting in the mud.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Penny Keen

Road Use Permit – Marion Forks Investment

Detroit RD, T10S,R6E,S16

Marion Forks Investment is requesting use of National Forest Land to access their property for timber haul. The proposed road, located off Forest Service road 2233-505, would be approximately 150 feet in length and 20 feet in width. A Private Road Use would be issued for five years.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Penny Keen

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Aerial Fertilization

Detroit RD, primarily within the North Santiam drainage.

Aerial application of urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 1,800 acres of managed stands usually 3 to 70 years of age.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Mark Stewart or Vic Baumann

SPECIAL USES

AT&T Equipment/Building Upgrade, Hall's Ridge Communication Site

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.8.

AT&T proposes to upgrade their equipment, construct a new 12' X 24' building for the equipment and reconstruct the existing building to house generating, heating, cooling and ventila-

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tion apparatus required by the upgraded equipment. Also, a new 105-foot monopole antenna would replace the existing 150-foot tall lattice tower and guy wires. The purpose of the project is to improve communication services to customers.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Penny Keen

TIMBER SALES

Shore Nuf Timber Sale

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E; T10S,R6E; T11S,R5E, several sections.

This project will primarily address commercial thinning opportunities in the Detroit Tribes Watershed Analysis Area. Some regeneration harvest may be proposed to treat root rot pockets within commercial thinning stands. Some temporary road construction and road reconstruction may be necessary to access harvest units; helicopter logging is also under consideration. Opportunities to decommission unnecessary system and non-system roads will be reviewed as well. The project will contribute to harvest targets for the FY2001 program. An EIS will be prepared for this project. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2000.

Status: Issue/alternative development

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Jim Romero or Rod Stewart

Sugar Pine

Detroit RD, T8S,R6E,S.34; T9S, R6E, S.2,3,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16.

The objective of this project is to improve the survival and regeneration of selected sugar pine trees by reducing bark beetle mortality caused by competition for moisture and nutrients from adjacent trees. This project would remove identified competing trees through a combination of

shelterwood and commercial thinning treatments, primarily removing smaller trees and understory. Underburning of the stand following tree removal would also restore the treatment area to a more historical condition characterized by a short fire return interval. Approximately 250 acres would be treated in which about 160 sugar pine trees have been identified. This project is located in East Humbug and Fox Creek drainages.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Dave Leach

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

OPAL Creek Wilderness Road Decommissioning

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E,S.24,26&32 and T9S,R5E, S.17.

The proposed project consists of closing and stabilizing approximately 8 miles of roads located in the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness through decommissioning or obliteration activities. Roads will likely be decommissioned which would involve the following activities: permanently blocking access, removing culverts, placing drain dips and planting native vegetation. Some road segments may be converted to trail routes pending completion of the transportation plans for the Opal Creek SRA and Opal Creek Wilderness. If obliteration becomes the preferred option, this would involve contouring roads back to their preexisting condition. Roads that are being considered for decommissioning or obliteration include: Roads 2207-130, 157, 159, 160 165, 167, 169, Road 2209-301 and several non-system access roads.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Karen Ladd

Current Projects

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

Devils Creek Fish Habitat Structure Maintenance

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed, T9S,R7E, S.20.

Repair five flood-damaged structures in the 1992 Devils Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project adjacent to Devils Creek summer homes. The objectives are to stabilize and protect eroding stream banks by placing rock with a walking backhoe/excavator to restore quality fish habitat.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: David Klug

East Hum Unit #5 Slide & Stream Restoration

Detroit RD, T9S,R6E,S.2.

The proposed project will stabilize slide activities within the East Hum Timber Sale Unit #5, (harvested in 1995). Stabilization projects include installing drainage structures, adding large woody material, and terracing of slopes and stream banks. Straw mulch and erosion-mix seed will be applied and a diversity of tree species will be planted to all bare soil areas in the unit and on the stream banks of the perennial stream inside the unit.

Status: Scoping, Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Dave Klug



KV Road Decommissioning/Obliteration for FY 2000 and 2001

Detroit RD, Various Locations within Whitewater and Breitenbush Watersheds.

Approximately twelve miles of road are proposed to be decommissioned or obliterated and revegetated using KV funding. They have low to no use, and are dead-end roads that were built for logging purposes. The purpose of this project is for watershed restoration.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: FY2000 thru FY2001

Contact: Dave Klug or Jim Windsor

MCKENZIE

AIR QUALITY

Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

McKenzie RD, T14S, R6E, Section 36.

Approximately 7.2 acres surrounding the existing Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station are currently allocated as 11c-Scenic-Partial Retention Middle Ground from the Willamette Forest Plan. This area would be re-allocated as 13b-Forest Service Administrative Use Area to facilitate ongoing activities required to maintain the operational functionality of the site. Activities may include removal of approxi-

mately 35 trees that are currently obstructing station operations.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: August 2001

Contact: Dave Kretzing

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LANDS AND MINERALS

Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5E,S.13&14.

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest Lands. Land owners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act which could result in the sale of small parcels to the adjacent landowners involved.

Status: Investigation, notification and scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Reconstruction of West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road

McKenzie RD, AMA, T16S,R5E,S.16.

Lane County and local residents propose to rebuild the West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road. The historical bridge is on National Forest land under Lane County supervision. Project has potential funding in matching Federal Highway funds. The District will prepare an environmental assessment to evaluate the effects of the County's proposals.

Status: Field surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Al Brown

RECREATION

Fish Lake Planning Project

McKenzie RD, T13S,R6E, S.29,30,31,32.

Environmental analysis began this spring to evaluate alternatives for a development plan for the enhancement and management of the Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposed developments may include a scenic byway interpretive wayside, and enhancement, relocation and/or rehabilitation of existing developed campground, dispersed camping area and McKenzie River National Recreation Trail Trailhead. A Special Interest Area Implementation

Guide, as required in the 1990 Land and Resource Management Plan, will also be completed for the Fish Lake Special Interest Area as part of this planning effort.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: 2002-2003

Contact: Stacey Smith



SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Aerial Fertilization

McKenzie RD, AMA, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 700 acres of managed stands. The stands proposed for treatment are primarily located in the Boulder Creek and Ollalie Creek drainages.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands to enhance growth. Approximately 1,400 acres located throughout the McKenzie district are proposed for treatment.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001 and 2002

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

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SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (cont.)

Conifer Release

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Release conifer seedlings from competition with brush in young plantations. Project areas include approximately 150 acres located throughout the McKenzie Ranger District. Treatment will ensure survival and enhance growth potential.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Highway 126 Precommercial Thinning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Precommercial thin young conifer stands along State Highway 126 corridor to enhance growth and for visual quality. Approximately 10 acres along the highway are proposed for treatment.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley

Conifer Pruning

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

Selectively prune crop trees to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine. Approximately 350 acres located throughout the McKenzie Ranger District are proposed for treatment. Treatment will ensure survival and enhance growth potential.

Status: Scoping

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kevin Moran or Bill Beardsley



SPECIAL USES

Replacement of Buried Electric Cable

McKenzie RD, T16S,R6E,S.13,14,23,24.

Proposal to replace existing buried electric cable along a portion of State Highway 242.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Pat Hutchins

McKenzie RD, District-wide

The District periodically issues permits for miscellaneous special uses such as weddings, filming and photography, noncommercial group use, and special events.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Kathy Keable

TIMBER SALES

Spot Salvage

McKenzie RD, Various locations.

This project would salvage primarily standing dead trees adjacent to state and federal highways and primary district roads. This District-wide project is estimated to produce 100 mbf of timber.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rita Mustatia

TwoBee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie RD, AMA,T13S,R6,7E; T14S,R6,7E; T15S,R6,7S.

Proposed actions for this landscape management project include timber harvest of approximately 1,000 acres with commercial thinning, selective partial harvest and regeneration harvest; road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements; and introduction of fire for habitat improvement and natural fuels reduction. A Notice of Intent to

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TIMBER SALES (cont.)

prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on June 29, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in June 2001.

Status: Scoping

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: FY 2001

Contact: Norm Michaels or Al Brown

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER/GUIDES

Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Expeditions

Middle Fork RD and Bend/Crescent RD (Deschutes National Forest).

This is a multi-forest permit prepared and monitored by the Middle Fork RD. The area covers the Waldo Lake Basin on the Middle Fork RD and extends from Highway 58 north to Charlton Lake and east from Charlton Lake to Highway 46 on the Bend/Crescent RD of the Deschutes NF.

Requesting a Special use Permit from October 2000 to June 2001 for at risk youth group camping. This is a five year request.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: November 2000

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Hazard Tree Reduction

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Felling of hazard trees at trailheads. Hazard trees are live or dead trees that pose a hazard to users, facilities or property. Felled trees will remain on the site, except for removal from parking areas.

Status: Documentation complete

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site and Snow-play Expansion

Middle Fork RD, T6E,R23S,Sec.5.

This project proposes an expansion of the existing snow-play site by approximately two acres, along with the creation of a two acre water storage pond for existing snow-making operations. Approximately five acres of mature forest would be cleared. Removed trees would be sold.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: February 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Gary Marsh

Waldo Basin Implementation Plan

Middle Fork RD

In 1998, the district began a user-group consensus process to develop strategies around seven long-standing resource issues connected with recreation use at Waldo Lake. The seven issues include Charlton Tie Road development, lakeside site impacts, recreation emphasis/setting for the lake surface, boat motor use, outfitter/guide permit levels, non-native fish populations, and snowmobile access off roadways.

In 1999, a set of recommendations was presented to the forest by the user group subcommittee of the Willamette PAC. Five of the seven issue recommendations received consensus support of subcommittee members present at the time they were crafted. The other two issues recommendations received majority support.

In 2000, the district will carry these recommendations further through the general public planning process, with hopes of implementing selected management changes in the summer of 2000. Public meetings in Eugene and Oakridge were held this summer to kick-off public scoping and introduce some preliminary alternatives. Additional information on this project can be found on the forest website (www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette). To have your name placed on the project mailing list, please contact the Middle Fork Ranger District.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jim Williams (Middle Fork) or Brian McGinley (Sweet Home)

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RECREATION (cont.)

Broken Bowl/Big Pool Campgrounds Water System Replacements

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.31,32.

Replace water systems and water line for Broken Bowl and Big Pool Campgrounds.

Status: Analysis in process

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sherry Jenson

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Grey Water Disposal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R6E,S.9&16; T22S,R6E,S.6.

Analyzing alternatives for disposing of gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

Status: Documentation

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - South Willamette/Lawler Trail

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.19,29,30.

Reconstruction of South Willamette/Lawler Trail.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction Cloverpatch - Tire Mountain Tie

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.15,22.

Reconstruction of trail connecting Cloverpatch and Tire Mountain Trails.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Waldo Road Sno-Park

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5,1/2E,S.35.

Develop an alternate sno-park to replace the current facility at the Waldo Lake junction. Construct a toilet facility and snow play area adjacent to the new sno-park.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Funding dependent

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - Fall Creek Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,23,24;

T18S,R4E,S.18,19.

Reconstruction of approximately five miles of the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail.

Status: Documentation to begin fall 2000

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction - Huggin' Tree Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E,S.22,27.

Reconstruction a portion of the old trail from Fall Creek to Gold Point.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Sue Baker

ROAD USE

Access and Travel Management Plan (ATM)

Middle Fork District

Middle Fork RD

The Middle Fork Access and Travel Management Plan is being developed by subwatershed (nine subwatersheds on the Middle Fork District). The Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM EA was completed in the Spring of 1999 and the project is currently in consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall

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Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Currently the District is working on the North Fork and Lower Middle Fork ATM. The analysis order and dates for the other subwatersheds have not yet been established.

Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM

Status: EA completed in Spring 1999

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Bill Pack, D'Lynn Williams

North Fork/Upper/Lower Middle Fork ATM EA (combination of several former ATM projects)

Middle Fork RD

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed for each area to determine the appropriate level of use for existing roads, trails and water surfaces in these drainages. A public meeting was held and we are in the process of gathering issues.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Terri Jones or D'Lynn Williams

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E,S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin is requesting use of National Forest land to access her property. Access to her property from Highway 58 is unsafe due to the high volume of traffic and no safe turn-off space.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Sandra Melinder



Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5E,S.21,27.

Brian Neal is requesting utilization of National Forest land to access his property via two roads. His property is completely surrounded by National Forest land.

Status: Ongoing analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.26.

Cedric L. Hayden is requesting use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul. There will be no new ground disturbance as the road is in place (permit issued in 1991). This permit would be for five years.

Status: Documentation Complete

Decision: November 2000

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Fertilization of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Specific locations can be obtained by requesting maps from the Middle Fork office. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late Successional Reserves. Approximately 7,836 acres are proposed for treatment. Amount of acres treated within a given year will be based upon available funding.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Spring 2001

Contact: Mike Jenson or Ginny Tennis

Current Projects

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Beargrass Harvest

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Harvest of 25,000 pounds of beargrass leaves.
Only 30% of the above-ground vegetation would be harvested.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Dennis Beckner

SPECIAL USES

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R2E, Sec.12; T21S, R3E, Sec.15.

The District proposes to dispose of five rental houses for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. These houses are from 60 to 70 years old and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to sell and remove the houses from their current sites. They are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the western end of the City of Westfir.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: June 2001

Implementation: September 2001

Contact: Carol Winkler

Water Drainage Ditches, Union Pacific Transportation Co.

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R4E,S.2,3,&12.
Renewal of Special Use Permit for five years for water drainage ditches at Fields slide area. There would be no new ground disturbance.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Water Lines, Union Pacific Transportation Co.

Middle Fork RD, various locations.
Renewal of Special Use Permit for water lines.
There would be no new ground disturbance.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Building Occupancy

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.21.
Oakridge Lions Club has requested renewal of a special use permit to occupy the eastern portion of Forest Service Building #2006 for storage of hospital equipment. This request changes an annual permit to a five year permit.

Status: Analysis complete

Decision: Winter 2001

Implementation: Winter 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Department of Transportation Storage Areas

Middle Fork RD, Highway 58, mile posts 38.81, 47.70, 58-54.

Issue new revised permit for three storage areas for highway materials and debris.

Status: Documentation in progress

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Middle Fork RD

Permitting special uses (ex. weddings, filming, apiary locations, etc.) as requested throughout the year.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES

Aufda Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R6E.

Regeneration harvest and reforestation of about 150 acres of mature timber.

Status: Field Survey and Analysis.

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.

Approximately 3.6 MMBF of regeneration harvest with reforestation and approximately 5.6 MMBF of commercial thinning. Estimated road construction is as follows: 0.5 miles of system road; and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Alternative Development and Analysis

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Chalk Creek Timber Sale Project

Middle Fork RD, T19&20S, R3E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres (estimated 10 MMBF). Additional activities included in this project are: Fuel reduction, reforestation, road maintenance, commercial thinning (approximately 700 acres/estimated 6 MMBF), minor temporary road construction and road decommissioning. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on July 28, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in September 2002.

Status: Alternative Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: June 2004

Contact: Rick Scott

Jump Up Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E.

Regeneration and thinning harvest of about 12.0 MMBF; reforestation of regeneration harvest areas, construction of about 0.5 miles of road, construction of portions of the North Fork trail and potentially some stream channel improvement work in permanent streams within the planning area.

Status: Alternative development & analysis

Decision: October 2002

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Giggle Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24&25S,R4&5E.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 370 acres producing an estimated 8 MMBF of timber. There will be approximately 2.2 miles of road construction and about 7.25 miles of road closure.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: September 2003

Contact: Rick Scott

Julep Timber Sale

**Middle Fork RD,
T22&23S,R4&5E.**

Approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may create an opening larger than 60 acres. An opening of 86 acres is under consideration to reduce fragmentation.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott



Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Ursus Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,S.3,6,710,14,17,21,23. Regeneration harvest of approximately 140 acres yielding an estimated 5 MMBF of timber. Unit design may result in created openings exceeding the Regional Guide size limitation. Size limitations may be exceeded in cases where other resource objectives are being met, such as minimizing fragmentation of remaining old growth blocks. No new road construction is anticipated.

Status: Analysis in progress

Decision: November 2001

Implementation: Fiscal Year 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Brush Creek Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.7-9&16-20. Regeneration harvest of about 100 acres of timber and commercial thinning of approximately 75 acres of managed plantations. Associated activities include road construction, road maintenance and about 4.0 miles of road closures.

Status: Decision pending

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Winter 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Windy Cabin Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.25,26,34-36; T19S,R3E,S.30,31; T20S,R2E,S.1-3,10-12; T20S,R3E,S.5-8.

Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres of timber and commercial thinning of about 600 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 15 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis and Documentation

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Bear Tire Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.22-27. Salvage of windfallen trees along the 5826 road system.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Spring Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, Paddy's Valley. Regeneration harvest and thinning of mature stands on approximately 250-300 acres, yielding an estimated 6-8 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Winberry Mountain Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E. Salvage of windfallen trees on and adjacent to Forest Road 1802-150 and spurs, yielding about 150 CCF.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Cardiac Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R4E,S.16. Salvage of approximately 200 CCF from blown down trees adjacent to Forest Road 5871-373.

Status: Field Surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rick Scott

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES (cont.)

Dome Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,Sec.6,7,18,19.
Salvage of blown down trees (approximately 75 MBF) within the road prisms of FS Roads 2134, 5851, 2149, and associated spurs.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: John Poet

Koch Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20&21S,R5E;T21S,R4E.
Salvage of blown down trees (approximately 75 MBF) within the road prism of FS Roads 2408, 2422 and associated spurs.

Status: EA for Comment, September 21, 2000

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000/Winter 2001

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Reservoir Habitat Enhancement

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir T21,22, 23S; R3E.

Placement of erosion control & fish habitat structures including log booms and tree bundles within Hills Creek Reservoir pool.

Status: Scoping

Decision date: December 2000

Implementation: Winter/Summer 2001 & 2002

Contact: D'Lynn Williams

Swift Creek Instream Placement and Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.29.
An instream structure placement project is planned to improve the habitat quality for aquatic species in Swift Creek.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: May 2001

Implementation: August 2001

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

Hehe Creek Stream Rehabilitation and Watershed Restoration

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R5E,S.16,17,20,21.

Restoration project to improve aquatic habitat in this watershed.

Status: Beginning scoping

Decision: May 2001

Implementation: July/August 2001

Contact: Ernie Ledbetter

Finnwin Project (formerly Aquatic Restoration - South Fork Winberry Creek)

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.32,33.

Enhance a one mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Hillbilly Project (formerly Aquatic Restoration - Hills Creek)

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.6.

Enhance a one-half mile stretch of Hills Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis

Decision: January 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Buck Creek Culvert Replacement Project (formerly Buck and South Fork Groundhog Creek Culvert Replacement Project)

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E,S.9.

Replace existing culvert with a bridge on FS Road 21 at Buck Creek to allow fish passage for resident and anadromous fish.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Doug Larson

Current Projects

WILDLIFE

Sourgrass Meadow Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD, T25S,R3E,S.6.

Proposed treatment of approximately one acre of encroached meadow habitat. Project consists of mechanical treatment by cutting, piling and possibly burning saplings and small pole conifers that have become established in what was historically meadow habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

SWEET HOME

MINERALS

Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

Sweet Home RD, 13S, R6E, S.30. Middle Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District is starting a new Environmental Analysis and Plan of Operations for an existing mining claim. The current plan has expired and a new five-year plan is proposed. The purpose of the operation is to extract an abrasive mineral material known as emery from a small (about 30 by 80 feet) open pit.

Status: Initial Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

ROAD USE

Squaw Rock Source Expansion

Sweet Home RD, T14S,R5E,S.24, AMA, South Santiam Watershed.

The Ranger District proposes to expand the size of Squaw Pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509. Clearing involves primarily brush and fire regenerated second growth, much of which has already blown down. This expansion will provide several

thousand cubic yards of high quality aggregate for road surfacing. Rehabilitation of older parts of the pit will also result.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Doug Shank



RECREATION

Lava Lake Sno-Park Horse Corrals

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R7E,S.19,30.

Add a set of horse corrals just west of the snopark to give riders a convenient starting point for day rides on the Santiam Wagon road or trails in the Old Cascades.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Brian McGinley

SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Bough Sales

Sweet Home RD, Upper McKenzie, S. Santiam, Calapooia & Middle Santiam Watersheds.

Bough harvest units to occur on approximately 180 acres of 10- to 25-year-old conifer stands. Units are scattered throughout the district.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Rob Ginn

SPECIAL USES

Sweet Home RD, District-wide

Permitting special uses as requested throughout the season.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input

Decision: As needed when requests are made

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Lupe Wilson

Current Projects

TIMBER SALES

Parks Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E,S.12,13 & 25;
T13S,R7E,S.5,6,9,18.

Overstory removals of existing shelterwood and prelogged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres providing approximately 4 MMBF.

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: FY 2001/2002

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

South Pyramid Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T12S,R6E,S.28-33;
T12S,R5E,S.25.

Harvest of approximately 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Creek subdrainage. Harvest options to consider will include regeneration, partial removal and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction may be necessary

to access selected harvest units. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on August 2, 1999. A DEIS is scheduled for release in winter 2001.

Status: Writing Draft EIS

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Brian McGinley

Sheep Soda Thin

Sweet Home RD, AMA, South Santiam Watershed T13S,R5E,S.20,22,28,29.

Commercial thin about 600 acres of 35- to 45 year-old managed stands. This area will also be reviewed for Special Forest Products.

Status: EA on hold for field surveys

Decision: Spring 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Doug Shank

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

RECREATION

West Cascades Scenic Byway Aufderheide-Blue River Portal (Road 19)

Blue River RD, T16S,R5E,S.19.

Project Proposal: This project involves enhancing the existing facility along Forest Road 19 immediately south of the junction with State Highway 126 to better serve the traveling public. This information kiosk, along an existing Forest Road 19 pull out, would be improved.

Status: Dropped due to lack of funding

Contact: Rick Ley

McCoy Snow Shelter Safety Clearing

Detroit RD, T10S,R7E,S.9

The purpose of this project is to meet public safety needs. The proposed project would remove young trees within approximately 25 feet around

McCoy snow shelter to allow room for a snow cat to clear excess snow to provide adequate escape routes from the building. McCoy snow shelter has a single entrance door and windows on the west side and is heated by a wood stove. The shelter is located adjacent to a plantation that is now 20 years old. Snow depths average 6-10 feet and as the snow slides off the roof, it builds up against the adjacent trees restricting movement of the door and making it impossible to open the windows in case of a fire. The proposed project would remove the trees within approximately 25 feet around the building to allow room for a snow cat to clear excess snow to provide adequate escape routes from the building.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: Abe Quihuis

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

RECREATION (cont.)

Hazard Tree Felling Project

Sweet Home RD

A hazard tree felling project is being planned at trailhead parking lots and high use dispersed recreation sites. Hazard trees are defined as live or dead trees that present a danger to users of these recreational sites. Trees felled in this project will be left in place where they fall unless their position poses a hazard in which case they would be moved to a safe position. Fish, wildlife, and plant community protection will be part of this project.

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Daren Utley

ROAD USE

Joe Road Closure (*formerly Road Obliteration*)

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.36.

Project proposes to close one half mile of road for erosion control and to enhance wildlife habitat and water quality.

Decision: August 2001

Implementation: Fall 2001

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

SILVICULTURE ACTIVITIES

Precommercial Thinning - FY 2000

Detroit RD, areas scattered throughout district. The intent of this project is to cut trees 5 inches diameter at breast height and less to a prescribed spacing of 12 by 12 feet leaving the biggest and best trees growing on the site. Proposed project is 1400 acres.

Decision: July 31, 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Vic Baumann or Joe Walker

Tree Pruning - FY 2000

Detroit RD, District-wide.

The intent of this project is to prune 500 acres of trees to improve timber quality and forest health. Pruning will be done on a spacing of 20 feet by 20 feet, with a pruning height of 9 feet or 18 feet depending on the stand heights. Pruning species priority will be Douglas-fir and western white pine. All western white pine will be pruned to prevent blister rust mortality.

Decision: July 31, 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Vic Baumann or Joe Walker

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Bough, Beargrass, and Christmas - CY 2000

Detroit RD, District-wide.

Harvest boughs, beargrass leaves, and Christmas trees from approximately 900 acres of 10- to 25-year-old managed stands.

Decision: July 31, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Vic Baumann or Joe Walker

Bough Sales (*formerly Christmas Tree Sales*)

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.

Harvest boughs from approximately 250 acres of 10- to 30-year-old stands. Boughs would be removed from outer half of branch on the lower half of the tree.

Decision: October 10, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Dennis Beckner



Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

SPECIAL USES

Outfitter/Guide: Hydrosports Dive and Travel

Detroit RD, Southshore Campground. Hydrosports Dive and Travel has submitted an application for a commercial special use permit to conduct scuba diving classes at Southshore Campground day use area.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Penny Keen

Lewis and Clark College Outdoors - Joe Yuska

Middle Fork RD, Waldo Lake. Requesting a Special Use Permit for utilization of Waldo Lake for New Student Orientation. Maximum group size will be 12. Transportation will be kayaks. Camping will be at designated sites around the lake and also at Shadow Bay Campground. Dates of use will be August 18-30 and September 10-17. This is an annual request.

Decision: August 14, 2000

Implementation: August 18, 2000

Contact: Sandra Melinder

TIMBER SALES

McKenzie 2000 Roadway Salvage

McKenzie RD, Various locations. Salvage of blowdown from within the road prism of forest roads, or of decked logs following road clearing and maintenance. The District-wide project is estimated to yield 70 mbf.

Decision: August through October 2000

Implementation: Complete

Contact: Terry Moody

Cayuse Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R5E,S.14,15,22. Road prism salvage of blowdown resulting in approximately 40 MBF.

Decision: July 24, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Blue River Aquatic Restoration Project

Central Cascades AMA, T15S,R5E,S.2,10,15,16; T15S,R4E,S.25.

Restoration of channel conditions by placement of large woody material in Blue River. Three miles of Blue River channel would be restored, located between the confluence of Mann and Quentin Creeks. The culvert replacement is at the junction of Forest Service Road 1509 and 1509-805.

Status: Dropped

Contact: Ray Rivera

Big Meadows Ecosystem Management

Detroit RD, T.12S,R7E,S.28.

Proposal is to reintroduce fire to the Big Meadows ecosystem. Fire exclusion has allowed conifer establishment to begin in the drier portions of the meadow complex. The purpose of reintroducing fire to the area is to reduce the encroachment of conifers and improve habitat characteristics for many meadow-associated species. During the summer 2000 field season the project area will be reviewed to determine specific project area boundaries and the method for fire reintroduction and containment.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: Daryl Whitmore

Blowout Creek Large Wood Placement

Detroit RD, T.10S,R5E,S.26&35.

Proposal would place large woody material (LWM) along approximately 0.9 miles of Blowout Creek between two parcels of private land. LWM placement will improve the aquatic habitat, protect stream banks and help maintain water quality. Heavy equipment would be used to transport and place the LWM. Hand crews would use steel cable to anchor the material.

Decision: September 8, 2000

Implementation: September 2000

Contact: David Klug or Wayne Somes

Decisions Made During the Last Quarter

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES (cont.)

Breitenbush Campground Bank Stabilization

Detroit RD, T9S,R7E,S.19,NE 1/4.

Stabilize and revegetate less than 1/4 mile of bank erosion on the Breitenbush River adjacent to threatened Breitenbush Campground sites. A walking backhoe/excavator would place complex structures of woody material and boulders to curb erosion on the river cutbank. Native grasses, forbs and trees would be planted to complete restoration activities.

Decision: September 8, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Dave Klug

South Fork Groundhog Culvert Replacement

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R4E,S.36.

Replace existing culvert with bottomless arch on FS Road 2308 at South Fork Groundhog Creek to allow fish passage for resident fish.

Status: Project on hold due to lack of funding.

Contact: Doug Larson

Browse Cutback 2000

Blue River RD, District-wide.

The project proposes to cutback preferable browse vegetation on approximately 50 acres to enhance big game forage conditions. Stands are selected based on habitat quality values. An additional 5 acres will be challenge cost share project with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation along low use spur roads and adjacent small openings in the South Fork.

Decision: August 2, 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact: Penny Harris or Ruby Seitz

Dick Creek Wetland Enhancement Project

McKenzie RD, T16S,R7E,S.7.

An existing wetland would be restored and enhanced with the addition of large woody material to improve amphibian habitat. Project is intended to benefit red-legged, and Cascade frogs.

Decision: October 2000

Implementation: Fall 2000

Contact Lisa Lyon

WILDLIFE

McKenzie River-Delta Island Scotch Broom Control Project

Blue River RD, T16S,R5E.

This project proposes to remove Scotch broom on a five-acre island in the McKenzie River, just down stream from milepost 44. It would be a Challenge Cost Share Project with the McKenzie Watershed Council and other outside organizations, depending on which volunteer assistance is available. Because the riparian vegetation along the McKenzie River floodplain provides valuable wildlife habitat, control of Scotch broom on the island is a priority.

Decision: September 14, 2000

Implementation: September 2000

Contact: Ruby Seitz

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