



File Code: 1950

Date: April 1, 2004

Dear Interested Citizens:

I have several new proposed projects on the Klamath Ranger District for you to consider:

First, the **Varney Creek Road Reconstruction Project** will improve traffic safety by realigning Varney Creek Road (Forest Road 3610) with Highway 140. The project will also improve the first 0.7 miles through private lands, bringing it up to County standards by widening the road, improving drainage, and adding base rock and surfacing. Limited reconstruction will take place on this road from the end of private land to the entrance of the Mountain Lakes Organization Camp, another 0.7 miles through National Forest System lands. Following these improvements, a road jurisdiction change from the U.S. Forest Service to Klamath County may take place on the section through private lands. The legal description for the project is Township 36 South, Range 6 East, Sections 16 and 21 (please see the enclosed map). If you have questions or need further information about this project please contact Al Reyes, Transportation Planning Engineer, at 541-883-6758.

The following five projects involve issuing new Special Use Permits for existing facilities located on National Forest System lands within the Klamath Ranger District. All questions about these permits should be directed to Catherine Callaghan, Realty Specialist, at 541-947-6326.

1. **Sprint/UTCN Lake of the Woods Communications Lines** to cover all existing phone lines and supporting equipment and material (e.g. poles, switching boxes, etc.) found at Lake of the Woods.
2. **ODOT Highway 140 Maintenance Station** will continue State operations and road maintenance activities from this facility located on 10.5 acres at Township 36 South, Range 5 East, Section 35.
3. **Odessa Sanitation Transfer Station** is operated by Klamath County for trash collection and transfer to landfills. It is located at Township 36 South, Range 6 East, Section 25.
4. **Little Aspen Butte and Burton Butte Seismograph Stations** are operated by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and located at Township 38 South, Ranges 6 East, Section 13 and Township 38 South, Ranges 5 East, Section 9. The stations provide seismic data to the USGS.
5. **US Cellular Pelican Butte Communications Site** will continue operation and maintenance of the existing communications facility located at Township 35 South, Ranges 6 East, Section 20.



**Please submit your comments on any of the above proposed projects by May 7, 2004.**

You may send your comments to our planning staff, Kevin Moore or Doug Miller, at the Chiloquin Ranger District, 38500 Hwy 97 N., Chiloquin, Oregon, 97624; or to me at the Klamath Ranger District, 1936 California Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97601.

Thanks for your continued interest in the Klamath Ranger District.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kent N. Russell*

KENT N. RUSSELL  
District Ranger

Enclosure