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File Code: 1950 Toolbox Fire
Recovery Project
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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Please find enclosed a proposed action for the Toolbox Fire Recovery Project. This proposed project resulted from the need to begin recovery of lands burned by the 85,000-acre Toolbox Fire Complex, which was ignited by lightning on July 12, 2002. The proposed action is simply an alternative developed early in the NEPA planning process based on the best information available at the time. It is the first alternative offered and offers one means to accomplish stated purposes, needs and goals. We will use it to identify issues and develop other alternatives for further study that also accomplish stated purpose and need.

I am asking for your comments or concerns about this proposal. Public involvement is an important element in properly scoping issues, determining how to best manage the resources, and fully analyzing environmental effects.

Project Title: Toolbox Fire Recovery Project

Project Description: The proposal is designed to assist the recovery of areas burned in 2002 by the Toolbox Complex Fires (includes Toolbox Fire, Silver Fire and small portion of Winter Fire). The proposed project would include salvage of burned timber, implementation of re-forestation and other projects to alleviate the potential for future damage to riparian and aquatic resources as a result of the Toolbox Complex Fires.

Location: The 48,000 acre project area is located on the Silver Lake Ranger District, centered approximately 13 miles south of Silver Lake, Oregon within: T 29 S, R 13-16 E, T 30 S, R 13-16 E and T 31 S, R 13-15 E, Willamette Meridian.

For further information, contact Rick Elston, Silver Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 129, Silver Lake, OR 97638; Phone: (541) 576-7569; E-mail relston@fs.fed.us. Send written comments to Carolyn Wisdom, Silver Lake District Ranger, P.O. Box 129, Silver Lake, OR 97638

Scoping is ongoing throughout the analysis process; however, to facilitate the analysis it would be helpful to have your comments or concerns on this proposed action, by December 16, 2002.

Sincerely,

CAROLYN A. WISDOM
District Ranger

Enclosure

