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Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Oregon District's (District) Spring 2024 Planning Update. Our intent with this update is to increase the public's awareness regarding the District's land and resource management programs, issues, activities, and opportunities, and to solicit the public's comments on projects currently undergoing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review (see Tables 1–6, attached).

The District posts all NEPA documents and decisions on the BLM National NEPA register known as ePlanning (<https://ePlanning.blm.gov>). Please see the second section of this update for more information about the ePlanning website.

Your suggestions and ideas are important considerations for the District that help to inform and improve our management decisions regarding BLM lands and natural resources. Your input also helps improve our projects and programs to maximize the benefits to BLM administered lands and serve the public as Congress intended. Please send your comments to BLM_OR_NO_Publiccomments_NEPA@blm.gov.

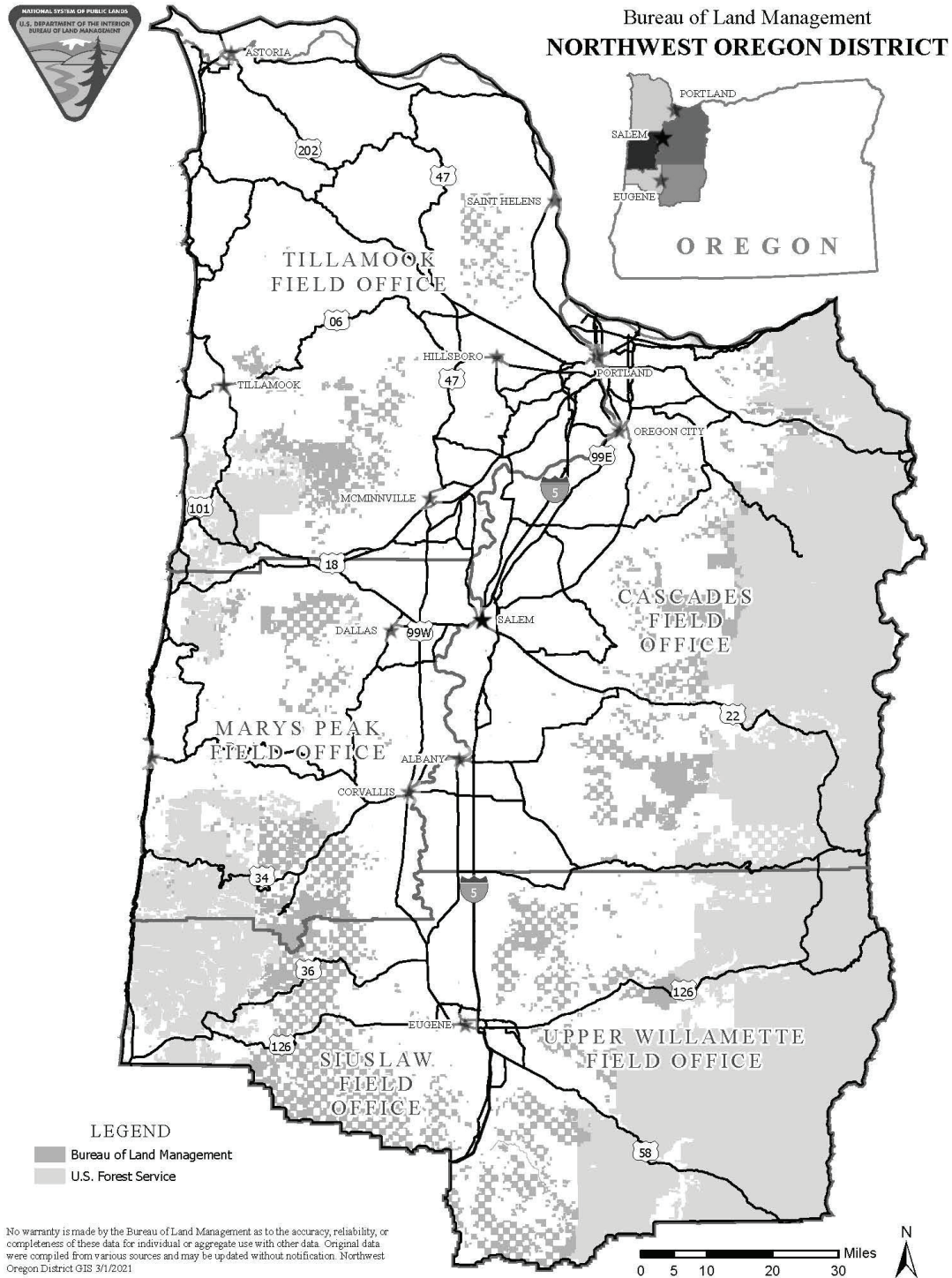
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Projects Described in this Document

Below, **Tables 1 - 6** list and describe the planning status of current projects within the Northwest Oregon District. Projects are organized by Field Office or District and project type. Provided for each are the project name, description, location, planning status, and contact person. Projects started and completed between editions of this document have gone through the full analysis process. The BLM notifies the public of these projects through this document; mailings and emails to contacts on the Northwest Oregon District Field Offices' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) notification lists, newspaper legal notices, and/or postings on the BLM National NEPA register website (ePlanning).

Previous Planning Updates for the Northwest Oregon District are available at:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington>

The timber sale plans for the Salem and Eugene Sustained Yield Units are available at:

<https://www.blm.gov/or/resources/forests/index.php>

BLM's National NEPA Register (ePlanning)

The National NEPA Register allows online review and comment of BLM planning and implementation projects. To access ePlanning, go to: <https://eplanning.blm.gov>. Under "Find a Project" you can search by State (**Oregon/Washington**) and Office (select **NW Oregon District Office** or any of the five field offices in the District: Cascades, Marys Peak, Siuslaw, Tillamook, or Upper Willamette).

You can also search by Type(s) of document (**Categorical Exclusions, Determination of NEPA Adequacy, Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Statement**), resource Program(s), and fiscal Year(s) (October to September) the project was entered into ePlanning. You do not need to fill out all fields to conduct the search. Check the box next to "Show only open participation periods" to see projects with open comment periods. Unselect the box next to "Show only active projects" if you want to see all projects within a given Office, Type, Program, and/or Year. Then click the **Search** button to display the results of your search.

As projects are developed, the BLM assigns each a "NEPA number" which can also be used to find individual projects in ePlanning. You can find the NEPA number in parentheses in the "Name and Project Description" column in Tables 1–6, as well as a hyperlink to the ePlanning page for that project. Depending on their point in project development, some projects may not yet have NEPA numbers.

For more information, please contact:

Salem Office	Springfield Interagency Office	Tillamook Field Office
1717 Fabry Road SE Salem, OR 97306 (503) 375-5646 M-F, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E Springfield, OR 97477 (541) 683-6600 M-F, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	4610 Third Street Tillamook, OR 97141 (503) 815-1100 M-F, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Table 1. Cascades Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>Outlaw Ridge Timber Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0002-EA) This project proposes regeneration harvest and/or commercial thinning across approximately 500-900 acres under multiple timber sales within HLB – MITA LUA. The project area is within the Thomas Creek and Middle North Santiam River 5th Field Watersheds and approximately 2 miles South of Lyons, Oregon in Linn County.	T. 9 S., R. 2 E., Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 1 E., Section 1, T. 10 S., R. 2 E., Sections 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, T. 10 S., R. 3 E., Section 7. Linn County	Public scoping comment period commenced April 19, 2023, through May 5, 2023. In Progress.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966
<u>Hwy 26 Lane Expansion Reforestation</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0003-EA) The BLM proposes reforestation of ~300 feet of roadside along Hwy 26 T 2 S, R 7 E, Sec 31 S.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4, with 15 western red cedar, 5 bigleaf maple, and 20 vine maple (5-gallon size or equivalent). BLM would maintain these trees as necessary for reforestation (which could include watering and manual maintenance as determined necessary by BLM specialists) for three years after planting. BLM would replace trees (of equivalent size) as necessary to maintain, at a minimum, the number and type of trees specified below for five years after the first tree/plant planting.	Hwy 26, T. 2 S., R. 7 E., Section 31 S.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 Clackamas County	Completed February 2024	Joshua Carnahan jcarnaha@blm.gov (503) 375-5617
<u>Mr. Walton's Opus Timber Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2020-0013-EA) This project proposes thinning and variable retention harvest on approximately 708 acres under multiple timber sales within the HLB LUA. Also proposed are treatments within a 4-acre RR LUA to improve fish and aquatic habitat.	T. 4 S., R. 4 E., Sections 23 and 35; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2 and 3; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 3, 5, 9 and 10; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 7, 9, 10 and 17, Clackamas County	EA in analysis stage. Projected draft EA and FONSI anticipated September, FY 2024.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966
Recreation Actions			
<u>Elkhorn Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan</u>	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Sections 1, 2, 11, 12;	In progress. EA was available for public review from	Cara Hand chand@blm.gov (917) 375-3984

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2021-0018-EA) BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) with the US Forest Service for the Elkhorn Creek WSR. CRMP, EA and supporting documents may be found on Forest Service site.	T. 9 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2-14, Marion County	May 23, 2023-June 23, 2023. Final EA, BLM FONSI adopting CRMP and EA pending.	

Table 2. Marys Peak Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>Aloha Trout Forest Management EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0001-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB and RR LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to regeneration harvest, thinning, road work, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.	T. 13 S., R. 7 W., Sections 27, 29, 33, 35. T. 14 S., R. 7 W., Sections 3, 5, 7, 15. Benton County	Scoping period planned for 2024.	Anthom Weaver aweaver@blm.gov (503) 315-5980
<u>Central Boulder Forest Management EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2022-0004-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to regeneration harvest, thinning, road work, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.	T. 7 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27 and 35; T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 1. Polk County	In progress. EA scheduled to be completed 2024.	Macrina Lesniak mlesniak@blm.gov (503) 315-5963
<u>Laurel Mountain Salvage</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0005-CX) The BLM is planning a salvage harvest project in the HLB-MITA. Actions include salvage harvest, post-harvest tree planting, road maintenance, and post-harvest fuel management treatments.	T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Section 29. Polk County	CX and DR signed May 21, 2024. 30-day appeal period runs until June 21, 2024.	Kevin Foster kwfoster@blm.gov (971) 600-7227

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Recreation Actions			
<u>Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0007-EA) The BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) for the Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W. Sections 15, 22, 27, 28. W.M.	In progress. The River Value Report is available to view on ePlanning. Scoping for the CRMP will begin in early summer of 2024.	Cara Hand chand@blm.gov (917) 375-3984
<u>YHONA Water Tank Trail Extension</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0002-EA) The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Trail Development Project will entail the extension of the current trail system to add an access spur to view and learn about the lighthouse keeper's historic water tank, connect that water tank spur back to the Interpretive Center, develop an interpretive sign at the water tank, installation of a water hose system to allow for safer access of water to maintain the historic lighthouse keeper's garden, the development of two resting areas, and the improvement of the existing summit resting area.	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon. T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29 and 30.	Scoping period planned for 2024.	Thomas Linegar tlinegar@blm.gov (541) 574-3147
Restoration Actions			
<u>Shotpouch Creek Aquatic Restoration DNA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0004-DNA) The BLM is collaborating with multiple partners on an aquatic restoration project along 1.8 miles of Shotpouch Creek, in areas currently deficient in deep, complex pools, and large wood cover, which are limiting factors for juvenile fish survival and salmonid production, including ESA-listed Upper Willamette River steelhead and Bureau Sensitive Pacific Lamprey. The project includes instream habitat improvements (placing up to 250 logs in 26 structures, restoring historic side channels and alcoves, and installing up to 10 beaver dam analogues), legacy structure removal, and bank stability treatments.	T. 11 S., R. 8 W., Sections 23, 25, 26, 35; T. 12 S., R. 8 W., Sections 1 and 12, W.M.	DNA completed February 2024.	Tony Spitzack aspitzack@blm.gov (503) 315-5960

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<u>Lobster Creek and Mill Creek Phase II Aquatic Restoration Projects</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0006-DNA) The BLM is planning two aquatic habitat restoration projects within the Marys Peak Field Office. The BLM is collaborating with ODFW and Oregon Wildlife Foundation to improve approximately a mile of aquatic habitat in East Fork Lobster Creek and South Fork Lobster Creek. The BLM is proposing to tip whole trees along roadsides in the Lobster Creek drainage and place by helicopter into the creeks. Additionally, the BLM is partnering with multiple partners on a project that would cut and tip trees along Mill Creek Road and placing those trees into Mill Creek.	T. 13 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27, 35; T. 14 S., R. 8 W., Sections 2 and 3, and T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Sections 13-15, 23-26, 36	DNA to be completed spring 2024.	Douglass Fitting dfitting@blm.gov (503) 315-5918
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Marys Peak Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Matthew Betenson mbetenso@blm.gov (503) 315-5968

Table 3. Siuslaw Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0022-EA) The BLM is programmatically analyzing actions to restore late-successional complex stands, ensuring functional wood is available to adjacent streams on 30,047 acres of LSR and RR LUAs. Projects are currently being planned and implemented based on the selected Alternative 5 in the EA.	BLM reserve LUAs West of Hwy 97, North of Hwy 126, East of Hwy 101, and South of Hwy 20.	The N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project is complete. Litigation is pending with a complaint filed in U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Oregon on May 25, 2022.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
<u>Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA) The BLM programmatically analyzed commercial timber harvest and associated connected actions (e.g., road construction, renovation, or improvement, fuels treatments, dead wood creation, etc.) on 13,225 HLB LUA acres within	HLB land within the Siuslaw Field Office	Decision issued on April 1, 2022. Litigation pending complaint challenging Project filed in U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of Oregon on	Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov (971) 707-0372

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
the Siuslaw Field Office. This programmatic analysis is not an implementation plan. It is a broad look at commercial timber harvest effects across the analysis area.		September 9, 2022.	
<u>Hemlock Hill Density Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030_2024_0010_DNA) The BLM is planning a density management plan using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 7; T. 16 S., R. 8 W., Section 3	Currently in public review period. The decision is expected in the fall 2024.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Electric Crossing Density Management Project DNA (NEPA number TBD) The BLM is planning a density management plan using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 25, 26, 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 1	Project planning began in fall 2023. The public review period is anticipated in summer of 2024. The decision is expected in 2024.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Public Safety			
<u>Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety Environmental Impact Statement</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0010-EIS) The BLM is considering reducing the dam risk, such as dam removal, allowing the creek to flow freely through the area. The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on 12/30/21. Find more information on the project website: https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington/hult-dam	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 26	In progress. The draft EIS was released in October 2023, the final EIS is expected to be published this summer. After publication of the final EIS, the Northwest Oregon District Manager will finalize the BLM's selected alternative by signing the Record of Decision.	Victoria Coraci BLM_OR_NO_SIU_Hult_Dam_EIS@blm.gov (971) 707-0372

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<u>Emergency Stabilization Rehabilitation Categorical Exclusion</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA_N030-2024-0005-CX) The Siuslaw Field Office proposes to assess, stabilize, and rehabilitate lands, roads, and infrastructure across all Land Use Allocations (LUAs) within the Siuslaw Field Office. The proposed action would be a planned emergency action due to the January 2024 ice storm event that occurred throughout Lane County. The BLM has a responsibility to provide safe travel and work conditions for the public, employees, contractors, and reciprocal rights users on BLM-managed roads.	BLM managed lands throughout the Siuslaw Field Office	Decision published 4/16/2024	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as granting rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Siuslaw Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407 Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov (971) 707-0372
West Eugene Wetlands Actions			
<u>2024 Truffles of Willamette Valley Oak Research CX</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0008-CX) The BLM proposes research that would survey for truffles, soil cores, and would find oak roots for DNA analysis. The proposed action is not for the collection of truffles or any other natural resource product for commercial use or sale.	West Eugene Wetlands	Decision published April, 2024.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 6830-6407
<u>Pollinator Network of Kincaid's Lupin DNA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0009-DNA) The purpose of this proposed action is to determine the role of pollinators in the management and conservation of Kincaid's lupine and to add to the scientific understanding of pollinator community and pollination biology. In accordance with direction in the West Eugene Wetlands Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, (2015 ROD/RMP), the Bureau	West Eugene Wetlands	Decision published April, 2024.	Amber Lamet Alamet@blm.gov 541-683-6407

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
of Land Management (BLM) is partnering with the Institute of Applied Ecology (IAE) to study Kincaid's lupine and their associated pollinators.			

Table 4. Tillamook Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>Coast Creek Timber Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA) The BLM completed an EA for the Coast Creek Timber Management Project which includes regeneration harvest and commercial thinning in the HLB LUA. This project includes thinning within the RR LUA, and road construction and maintenance including the replacement of several fish passage culverts. The timber management project includes approximately 1,015 acres and would result in multiple timber sales.	Coast Creek subwatershed of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete with FONSI signed in October 2020. The second timber sale decision was issued in June 2023 and the timber sale was sold at auction in September, 2023. The third timber sale decision is expected to be issued in December 2025 .	Landon Rhodes lrhodes@blm.gov (503) 815-1460
<u>Upper Willamina Forest Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2021-0001-EA) The BLM completed the EA for a forest management project on approximately 2,500 acres of HLB, LSR, and RR lands in the Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Deer Creek sub-watersheds of the South Yamhill River watershed. Treatments considered range from restoration thinning on LSR and RR lands to commercial thinning and regeneration harvest on HLB lands. Associated actions include road construction and renovation, culvert installation and replacement, snag creation, and riparian tree felling.	Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Upper Deer Creek sub-watersheds of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete and the FONSI was signed in April 2023. The third timber sale decision was issued in December 2023 and the timber sale was sold at auction in February 2024. The fourth timber sale decision is expected to be issued in June 2024.	Landon Rhodes lrhodes@blm.gov (503) 815-1460

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<u>McKay Creek Forest Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0003-EA) The BLM is analyzing the effects of a 1,200-acre forest management project on HLB and RR land use allocation lands in the McKay Creek watershed north of North Plains, Oregon. The project would entail regeneration harvest, commercial thinning as well as some commercial thinning in the Riparian Reserve. The project also includes road construction, renovation, and maintenance, riparian tree felling and snag creation.	McKay Creek subwatershed of the Dairy Creek watershed in the Tualatin River drainage. Washington County, Oregon.	In progress: The final EA and unsigned FONSI have been completed and will be issued for a 30-day public review on May 10th, 2024.	Landon Rhodes lrhodes@blm.gov (503) 815-1460
<u>Dairy Creek Forest Management Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2024-0001-EA) The BLM is planning a 700-acre forest management project on lands allocated to the HLB and RR in the Dairy Creek watershed north of Banks, Oregon. Actions being considered include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, road work, post-harvest fuel reduction treatments, riparian tree felling, and snag creation	Upper East Fork Dairy Creek and Lower East Fork Dairy Creek subwatersheds of the Dairy Creek watershed, Washington County, Oregon.	Scoping period planned for spring 2024.	Hilary Chittom hchittom@blm.gov (503) 815-1461

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Restoration Actions			
<u>Raymond Creek Large Woody Debris and Riparian Planting Project</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0007-DNA) The BLM is collaborating with partners on an aquatic restoration project that would add in-stream large woody debris along 1.5 miles of Raymond Creek to improve habitat for the ESA-listed Lower Columbia Coho and Lower Columbia steelhead and the Bureau Sensitive Pacific Lamprey. The proposed action would include cutting and removing approximately 20 Douglas-fir trees from BLM-managed lands in T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 29, haul of harvested logs, and in-stream placement of logs along the BLM-managed portion of Raymond Creek in T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Section 21.	T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 21 and 29.	DNA in progress, to be completed Spring, 2024	Landon Rhodes lrhodes@blm.gov (503)815-1460
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Tillamook Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Landon Rhodes lrhodes@blm.gov (503) 815-1460

Table 5. Upper Willamette Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>Big League Timber Management Project EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA) The BLM proposes to analyze the environmental effects of forest management actions, including eight timber sales that were previously being examined for NEPA adequacy, under a single EA. Actions include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, snag creation, road work, slash reduction, and reforestation. Approximately 4,600 acres are expected to be analyzed for timber harvest.	T. 14 S., R. 2 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 E.; T. 15 S., R. 2 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 E.	FONSI withdrawn in December 2023. Revision in progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
<u>Nelson Creek Culvert Project EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0005-EA) Project would address a collapsed culvert that provides fish passage in Nelson Creek.	T. 19 S., R. 1 E, Section 11	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Water Tank CX (NEPA number TBD) McKenzie Fire & Rescue proposed constructing a 15,000 gallon water tank on BLM-administered land adjacent to Goodpasture Road in Vida, Oregon for fire suppression.	T. 16 S., R. 2 E., Section 33	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Fallback Timber Management Project EA The BLM proposes to analyze the environmental effects of forest management actions in an EA. Actions include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, snag creation, road work, slash reduction, and reforestation. Approximately 1,400 acres are expected to be analyzed for timber harvest.	T. 18 S., R 1 W., Sections 23, 25 T. 18 S., R 1 E., Sections 19, 21, 23, 25, 29, 31	The Fallback Timber Management Project EA has been paused and may resume in the future.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Upper Willamette 2024 Ice Storm Salvage Harvest CX DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0008-CX The BLM proposes to conduct salvage harvest of approximately 250 acres of fallen timber and dead and dying standing timber in the Harvest Land Base – Moderate Intensity Timber Area land use allocation (HLB-MITA), across the Upper Willamette Field Office	T. 16 S., R. 1 W., Section 31; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 1 W., Sections 3, 5; T. 17 S., R. 2 W., Section 7; T. 18 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 21; T. 19 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 33	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
<u>Upper Willamette Hazard Tree Management CX</u> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0006-CX The BLM plans to cut, remove, and dispose of downed material and hazard trees from roadways and other developed sites within the Upper Willamette Field Office that resulted from an ice storm that occurred in January 2024.	All BLM-administered lands and BLM-administered rights of-way within the Upper Willamette Field Office	Decision published March 2024.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
<u>Upper Willamette Aquatic Restoration DNA 2024</u> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0007-DNA The BLM proposes aquatic restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the Upper Willamette Field Office. Individual projects would include removal of an unauthorized recreation trail, rock weir installation, off-channel pond habitat development, placement and manipulation of	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 21, 30; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 29; T. 16 S., R. 3 E., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 3 E., Section 09, 17; T. 18 S., R. 1 W., Section 21; T. 21 S., R. 2 W.,	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
large woody debris in stream channels, culvert repair and replacement, and road decommissioning.	Section 21; T. 22 S., R. 2 W., Sections 15, 16; T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 18; T. 23 S., R. 1 W., Section 07; and T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 12		
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way and special use permits.	Upper Willamette Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

Table 6. Northwest Oregon District – District-Wide Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<u>Northwest Oregon District Invasive Plant Management and Habitat Restoration EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N000-2022-0003-EA) The Bureau of Land Management Northwest Oregon District is preparing an Environmental Assessment to evaluate a range of alternatives for a proposed update and revision to its existing botany and invasive plants management program to protect, enhance, and restore native conditions in degraded habitats in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner.	BLM lands across all five Field Offices of the Northwest Oregon District	In progress. Comment period on the unsigned FONSI ran from March 13th to April 15th. The Signed FONSI and Decision Record are expected to be issued in May.	Charity Glade cbglade@blm.gov (503) 375-5678
<u>2024-2025 Sample Tree Falling CX</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N000-2024-0001-CX) The District proposes to fall, buck, and scale sample trees (“sample tree felling”) to ensure the accuracy of timber cruises for future forest management actions.	BLM-administered lands across all five Field Office of the Northwest Oregon District	CX and DR completed February 2024.	Stefanie Winfree swinfree@blm.gov (503) 375-5601

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Restoration Actions			
The BLM is not currently planning any District-wide restoration actions.			
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
The BLM is not currently planning any District-wide land use requests.			

Acronyms and Definitions

Biological Opinion: The document resulting from formal consultation that states the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service as to whether or not a Federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed species or results in destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

Categorical Exclusion (CX): A category of actions (identified in agency guidance) that do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and for which neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands (CRLNCL): Includes Congressionally Reserved Lands that congress has designated and defined management through law, such as designated Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Outstanding Natural Areas. This land use allocation also includes eligible and suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Decision Record (DR): The BLM decision document associated with an EA that describes the action to be taken when the analysis supports a finding of no significant impact.

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA): An interim step in the BLM’s internal analysis process that concludes that a proposed action is adequately analyzed in an existing NEPA document (an EIS or EA). Where applicable, the determination also addresses conformance with an approved land use plan.

District-Designated Reserve (DDR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP). The objective of this land use allocation is to maintain the values and resources for which the BLM has reserved these areas from sustained-yield harvest. These lands include constructed facilities and infrastructure, such as seed orchards, roads, communication sites, quarries, buildings, and maintenance yards, as well as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Timber Production Capabilities Classification (TPCC) lands, and Lands Managed for their Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

Environmental Assessment (EA): A public document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that provides sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a federal undertaking would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. If the answer is no, the agency issues a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), otherwise, the agency would be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to pursue the project.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): A document required by NEPA to assess the potential impacts of federal agency actions “significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.”

ESA: Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Extensive Recreation management Areas (ERMA): are administrative units that require specific management consideration to address recreation use or demand, but where recreation management is commensurate and considered in context with the management of other resources and resource uses.

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI): A finding that explains how an action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment pursuant to NEPA, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement would not be required.

FY: Fiscal Year. Beginning October 1 of one year and ending September 30 of the following year.

Harvest Land Base (HLB): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Those lands on which the determination and declaration of the Annual Productive Capacity/Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) is based. The ASQ is based on implementing a set of specific timber management activities and assumes those practices will be repeated over time and results in a sustainable harvest level. This includes the Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA) and Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA).

Land Use Allocation (LUA): A designation defining uses that are allowed, restricted, or prohibited for a particular area of land. The LUAs are Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands, District-Designated Reserve, Harvest Land Base, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve.

Late-Successional Reserve (LSR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP land use allocations. The Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP designated lands to a land use allocation of the same name, but the objectives of the LSR are to manage habitat for the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA): A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

MBF: Thousand board feet of timber.

MMBF: Million board feet of timber.

Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA): A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): A federal law that requires agencies to determine if their proposed actions would have significant environmental effects on the quality of the human environment. The NEPA procedures ensure that environmental information is available to the public, and that the public has an opportunity to participate in the process before federal agency decisions are made and before actions are taken that may have a significant effect on the environment. The NEPA process provides an understanding of the environmental consequences of a proposed action and action alternatives to assist federal agency officials in decision-making.

Regeneration harvest: Any removal of trees intended to assist regeneration already present or to make regeneration possible.

Riparian Reserve (RR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Lands within the Riparian Reserve were designated to manage for ESA-listed fish species and their habitats and water quality.

Salvage harvest: Removal of dead trees or of trees damaged or dying because of injurious agents other than competition, to recover their economic value.

Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA): BLM designated units where recreation management is the predominant land use plan focus and where the BLM intends to manage and provide specific recreation opportunities and recreation setting characteristics on a long-term basis.

Sustained Yield Unit (SYU): An administrative unit for which an allowable sale quantity is calculated. In western Oregon, the six sustained yield units correspond to the Coos Bay; Eugene; Medford, Roseburg, and Salem Districts, and the western portion of the Klamath Falls Field Office. The consolidation of the Salem and Eugene Districts did not affect sustained yield units.

Thinning - Commercial Thinning/Density Management: Commercial thinning is stand thinning in which some, or all, the cut trees are removed from the stand for timber. Density Management is the cutting of trees for the primary purpose of widening their spacing so that growth of remaining trees can be accelerated. Density management harvest can also be used to improve forest health, to open the forest canopy, or to accelerate the attainment of old growth characteristics if maintenance or restoration of biological diversity is the objective. Specific objectives would vary by land use allocation.

USFWS: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Watershed: An area in which all surface waters flow to a common point.

Wild and Scenic Rivers system (WSR): A system of nationally designated rivers and their immediate environments that have outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic cultural, or other similar values and are preserved in a free-flowing condition.