

Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District Planning Update

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The *Planning Update* is published to provide current information about ongoing and future projects planned by the Coos Bay District of the Bureau of Land Management. It is our intent to increase the public's awareness of BLM activities and to seek feedback from those who may be affected by our resource management programs. Your feedback helps us make informed decisions and implement better projects. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, during that project's public comment period to: 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459 or to BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov.

Thank you for your continued interest in public land management.

The *Planning Update* is also available under the "Frequently Requested NEPA Documents" section at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington>

Sincerely,

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ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES AND NEW PROJECTS

Pages three through seven contain a summary of projects on the Coos Bay District. Some projects were previously listed and are still in the process of being completed, while others are in the process of being implemented. Projects that have been dropped from consideration, have a signed decision, or are completed will not be listed in future issues.

The contact people listed with the projects are available to answer questions and provide additional details. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas. You may contact these people by mail, by telephoning our office at 541-756-0100, or emailing us at: BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov.

District-wide

Silvicultural Practices: Reforestation and Young Stand Management CX

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C000-2019-0002-CX

Description: Reforestation and manual maintenance activities in young stands. Proposed treatments include reforestation, early stand thinning, control of vegetation competition, spot fertilizer pellet application, pruning, and treatment of created slash. The proposed reforestation and young stand management treatments would be scheduled and performed to ensure the treatment areas maintain developmental paths so that desired stand characteristics result in the future. Treatment areas include forest stands up to 40 years of age, with a maximum cutting diameter breast height (DBH) of approximately 10 inches.

Location: Various locations across the District.

Planning Status: In preparation.

Decision: Late summer 2019.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, please click on the following link <https://bit.ly/2Zl73a9> or contact Andrew Spencer.

Umpqua Field Office

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Catching EA

Description: The BLM proposes approximately 1,000 acres of commercial timber harvest in the Harvest Land Base.

Location: T. 27 S., R. 12 W., Sections 19, 27, 33, and 35
T. 27 S., R. 13 W., Section 13

Planning Status: Scoping – Completed.
Analysis – Fall 2019/Winter 2020.

Decision Date: Decisions – Starting in FY 2020.

Implementation: Timber Sales planned for FY 2021 through FY 2024.

For further information, please click on the following link [DOI-BLM-ORWA-C030-2019-0003-EA](#), or contact Heather Partipilo.

West Fork Smith River EA

Description: The BLM proposed approximately 2,500 acres of thinning treatments in the Late-Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.

Location: T. 19 S., R. 09 W., Sections 25 and 35;
T. 20 S., R. 09 W., Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12;
T. 19 S., R. 08 W., Sections 30 and 31;
T. 20 S., R. 08 W., Section 9

Planning Status: Scoping – Completed.
Analysis – Completed.

Decision Date: Decisions – FY 2019 through FY 2022.

Implementation: Timber sales planned for FY 2019 through FY 2022.

For further information, please click on the following link [DOI-BLM-ORWA-C030-2017-0001-EA](#), or contact Heather Partipilo.

Myrtlewood Field Office

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Big Weekly Elk Forest Management Project

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0006-EA

Description: The proposed actions include regeneration timber harvest, commercial thinning, commercial restoration treatments, non-commercial restoration treatments, fuels treatments, transportation management, and snag creation within the Harvest Land Base (HLB), Late Successional Reserve (LSR), and Riparian Reserve (RR) land use allocations.

Locations: T. 28 S., R. 10 W., Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29
T. 28 S., R. 11 W., Sections 02, 16, 17, 18, 23, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
T. 29 S., R. 10 W., Sections 06, 07, 08, 09, 17, 28, 29, 30
T. 29 S., R. 11 W., Sections 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31
T. 29 S., R. 12 W., Sections 23 and 24
T. 30 S., R. 11 W., Sections 01, 04, 06, 08
T. 30 S., R. 12 W., Sections 01 and 12

Planning Status: Scoping – Completed.
Analysis – Ongoing.
Decisions – starting FY 2020.

Implementation: Timber Sales planed for FY 2021 through 2024.

For further information, please click on the following link <https://go.usa.gov/xmtMF> or contact Ryan Desliu.

OTHER

New River ACEC Management Plan EA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2014-0004-EA

Description: Over the last 10 years, the New River ACEC has experienced changes in vegetation patterns, invasive species, federally protected species, and recreation use trends. The BLM has identified a need for updating the management plan in order to respond to these changes with appropriate management actions.

Location: T. 29 S., R. 15 W., Sections 35 and 36;
T. 30 S., R. 15 W., Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, 33;
T. 31 S., R. 15 W., Sections 7 and 8

Planning Status: Scoping – Completed.
Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2020.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, please click on the following link <https://goo.gl/xUYZCY> or contact Cathy Bounds.

Sudden Oak Death EA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0001-EA

Description: Myrtlewood Field Office is preparing a Programmatic EA to describe actions to identify, treat, and eradicate known sites of the non-native pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, the pathogen that causes Sudden Oak Death (SOD). Forest treatments would occur within outbreak areas on BLM-administered lands.

Location: BLM-administered lands in Curry County, Oregon.

Planning Status: Scoping – Completed.
Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2020.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, please click on the following link <https://bit.ly/2ObTT9y> or contact Ryan Desliu.

Baker Creek Quarry Sale CX

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0007-CX

Description: Rock 2 River Resources (R2RR) has submitted an application to the BLM for the purchase of rip-rap material out of the Baker Creek Quarry. R2RR has requested disposal of up to 50,000 cubic yards of material within the existing disturbed area of Baker Creek Quarry. The disturbed area is approximately 25 acres in size. R2RR would remove loose rip-rap within the quarry footprint and no expansion of the quarry boundary would occur.

Location: T. 31 S., R. 12 W., Section 17

Planning Status: Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2019.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, contact Ryan Desliu.

Woodard Creek Restoration and Wood Placement Project DNA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0002-DNA

Description: The BLM proposes to replace three fish-bearing culverts and block six access points for motorized vehicles on private and BLM-managed lands. The unauthorized trail system is causing resource damage, increasing sediment loads, bank erosion, and preventing establishment of riparian vegetation. Removing or replacing stream crossings as proposed will open approximately four miles of fish habitat, including approximately two miles of anadromous fish spawning/rearing habitat.

Location: T. 26 S., R. 11 W., Sections. 30 and 31;
T. 26 S., R. 12 W., Sections. 25 and 36

Planning Status: Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2019.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, contact Ryan Desliu.

Indian Creek Wetland Enhancement DNA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0003-DNA

Description: Through Resource Advisory Committee funding, the BLM is working with the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District to add structural complexity and aid habitat connectivity by adding large wood to floodplains and sloughs and revegetating riparian areas with native species.

Location: T. 36 S., R. 14 W., Sec. 30

Planning Status: Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2019.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, contact Ryan Desliu.

South Fork Pistol River Road Decommission DNA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-0008-DNA

Description: The BLM proposes to remove three failing stream crossings along approximately 0.70 miles of road adjacent to the South Fork Pistol River on BLM-administered lands.

Location: T. 39 S., R. 13 W., Sec. 02

Planning Status: Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2019 or early FY 2020.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, contact Ryan Desliu.

Steel Creek Tributary Culvert/Fill Removal DNA

DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2019-00XX-DNA

Description: The BLM proposes to remove dirt fill that was placed in a stream channel to build a landing, and remove undersized/failing infrastructure.

Location: T. 27 S., R. 11 W., Sec. 36
T. 28 S., R. 11 W., Sec. 01

Planning Status: Analysis – Ongoing.

Decision Date: Decision Record – FY 2019 or Early FY 2020.

Implementation: Following Decision.

For further information, contact Ryan Desliu.