

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS



ROGUE RIVER
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The Schedule of Proposed Actions (**SOPA**) is a list of current and proposed actions on the Rogue River National Forest (**RRNF**). It is designed to provide you with notice of Forest Service activities and an opportunity to become involved and participate in the public involvement process. The SOPA is not intended to provide more than a minimal amount of information. It will inform you of the proposed projects we are currently analyzing or plan to analyze in the coming months and give you a feel for the kind and amount of activity occurring.

This schedule includes proposed actions being processed under the National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**), as well as other planning projects that may include public involvement. These other planning projects are listed as "non-NEPA" after the project name. This listing does not include all projects that are being proposed and analyzed, i.e., some minor activities are processed as Categorical Exclusions with public scoping, analysis and implementation occurring in less than three months. These types of proposals may therefore not appear within this schedule.

For analysis under NEPA, when analysis is completed, the Responsible Official issues a decision. The decision document will be different for different kinds of environmental documents. The kind of environmental document produced, in turn, is dependent on the nature of the proposed action and the significance of the environmental effects. An Environmental Impact Statement (**EIS**) is a detailed written statement that documents the analysis process, used for certain classes of actions predetermined to require an EIS, or where there may be significant environmental effects. Decisions made through an EIS are documented in a Record of Decision (**ROD**). An Environmental Assessment (**EA**) is a concise public document that describes the purpose and need for action, the issues, the alternatives and their environmental consequences. Associated with an EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that briefly presents the reason why an action will not have a significant environmental effect. A decision made through an EA is documented in a Decision Notice (**DN**). Categorical Exclusion (**CE**) is a class of routine actions where scoping has determined there are no unusual or extraordinary circumstances and the environmental impacts are minimal. Most CEs have project files and decisions are documented in a Decision Memo (**DM**).

Should you wish additional information, or wish to comment on any proposal or if you wish to be placed on the project specific mailing list, the Forest encourages you to get in touch with the project Contact Person. The best time to do this is "early on" in the scoping period. Scoping is a term for the procedure by which the Forest Service identifies important issues and determines the extent of the analysis necessary to make an informed decision on a proposed action. Official notices on project scoping and project decisions are published in Medford's *Mail Tribune*, the newspaper of record for the Rogue River National Forest.

The following schedule covers the period **October 1 through December 30, 2001**. It includes several items of information to help you decide if you want to contact the appropriate office/contact person for more information or to make comment on the proposed activity. An explanation of each of the items included in this schedule follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

This identifies the responsible administrative unit that is processing a proposed action. Typically this will be one of the Ranger Districts of the Rogue River National Forest; Applegate, Ashland, Butte Falls or Prospect. Occasionally, a proposed action may involve more than one Ranger District (e.g., Cascade Zone). For forest-wide proposed actions or the J. Herbert Stone Nursery, the Supervisor's Office will be identified as the Administrative Unit.

PROJECT NUMBER - MAP REFERENCE

For proposed actions occurring within Ranger Districts, a map provides a general location reference, by the position of the appropriate map reference number. For example, for projects on the Applegate District, the reference would be AP-01 (Applegate project #1). The numbering scheme is unique to the district and to the project, therefore for a given SOPA, numbers may not always be in sequence on the district listing. For integrated projects, the same reference may appear in more than one location, and may appear on more than one district map. The coding for Applegate is AP; Ashland is AS; Butte Falls, BF; Prospect, PR, and Supervisor's Office, SO.

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION

This identifies the name of the proposed project or action and describes the type of analysis or activity that is planned. Examples include: management plans, restoration projects, timber sales, recreation facilities or trails, wildlife habitat improvement projects, range management allotment plan updates, etc. This item also notes if the proposed action is not being analyzed under NEPA.

LOCATION

This identifies a more specific location using legal description of township, range, section(s), and county and state where analysis or action is being studied. Broad scale or forest-wide actions may not always contain a full legal description.

ALLOCATION/WATERSHED

This identifies the Forest Plan land management allocation(s) associated with the location of the proposed action and further identifies the primary watersheds or sub-watersheds the proposed action is contained in.

STATUS

This item describes the current status of analysis or stage of the process; examples include scoping, data gathering, analysis, documentation, etc. It may also identify the date a step of the NEPA process is expected, or the date it occurred if recently passed (e.g., comment periods, decision dates, or appeal periods).

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This represents a best estimate of the general time period for when the analysis for the project or action is expected to be completed or when it is scheduled for implementation. As an example, for timber sales, this date represents when a sale is scheduled to be sold. Implementation dates sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. Changed implementation dates will be reflected in the next quarterly scheduled SOPA.

CONTACT PERSON

This shows the person who is typically leading the analysis and is familiar with the project or action and is able to answer questions or provide more detail on the project. These people are also interested in information you may wish to share concerning the project.

NOTE: *it is the practice of the Rogue River National Forest to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it may be part of the record under NEPA and could be made available to the public upon request.*

In order to keep printing and mailing costs down, if you no longer want to receive the SOPA for the Rogue River National Forest, please contact us and we will remove your name from the mailing list. For your convenience, the SOPA is also available on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue/library.html>.

This Schedule of Proposed Actions represents projects on the Rogue River National Forest. The address for the Supervisors office and Ranger Districts are as follows:

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Jacksonville, OR 97530-9314
(541) 899-1812 Fax: (541) 858-3888

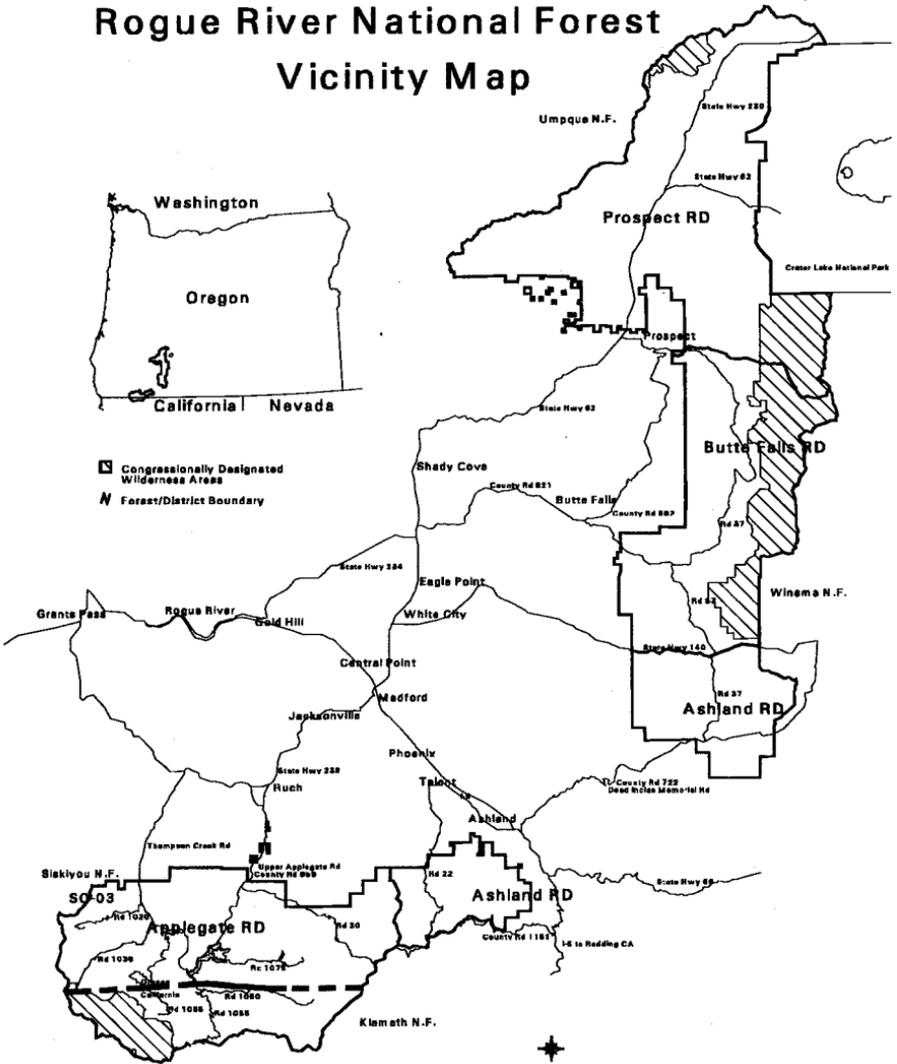
Ashland Ranger District
645 Washington Street
Ashland, OR 97520-1402
(541)-482-3333 Fax: (541) 858-2402

Butte Falls Ranger District
800 Laurel Street
Butte Falls, OR 97522-0227
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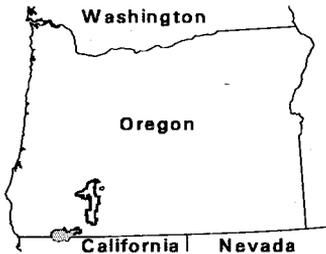
Prospect Ranger District
47201 Highway 62
Prospect, OR 97536-9724
(541) 560-3400 Fax (541) 560-3444

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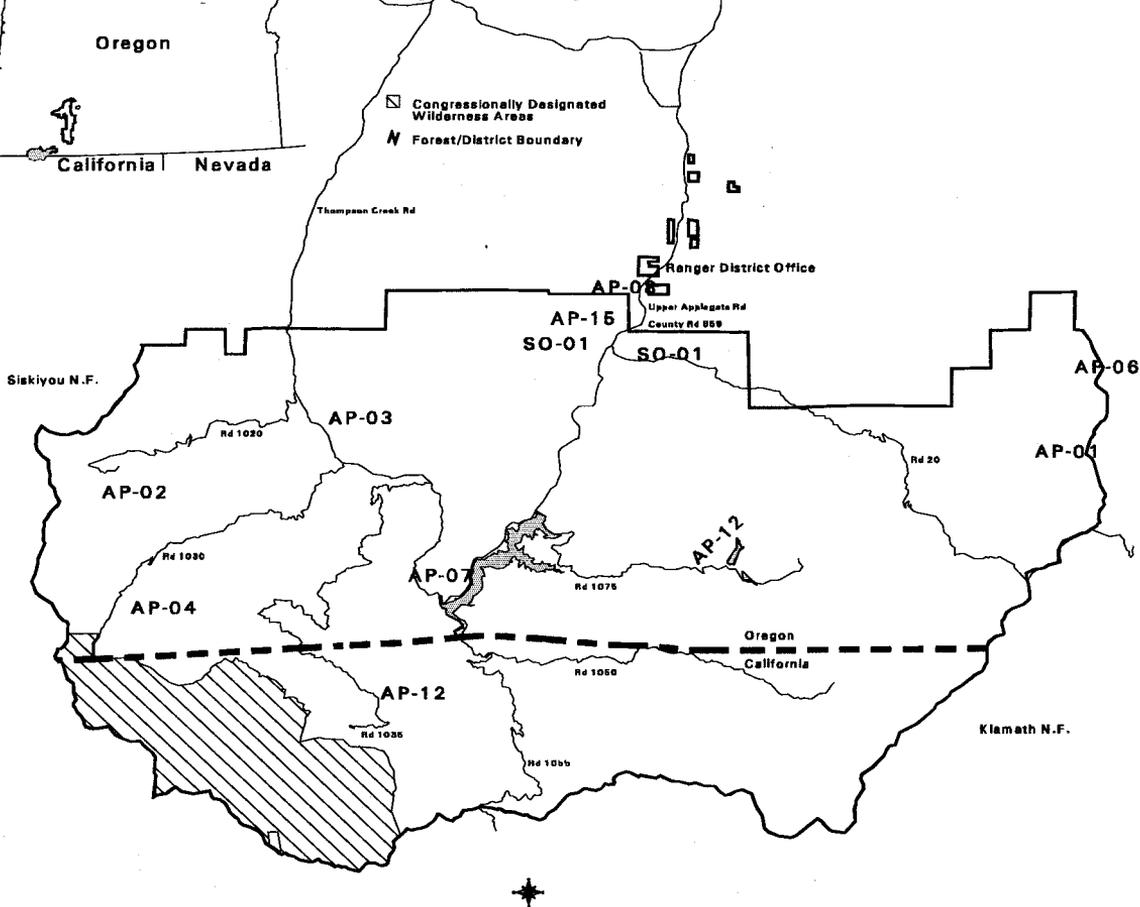
Rogue River National Forest Vicinity Map



Project Name	Description	Location	Map Reference	Allocation / Watershed	Status	Implementation Date	Contact
Supervisor's Office							
Water Quality Management Plan (non-NEPA)	Water Quality Management Plan	Applegate River Sub basin	SO-01 (Applegate Map)	Applegate River	Analysis and Documentation	Scheduled for Completion December 2001	Mike Zan (541) 899-3850
Water Quality Management Plan (non-NEPA)	Water Quality Management Plan	Upper Rogue River Sub basin	SO-01 (Prospect Map)	Upper Rogue River	Analysis and Documentation	Scheduled for Completion December 2002	John Brazier (541) 858-2271
Water Quality Management Plan (non-NEPA)	Water Quality Management Plan	Bear Creek Sub-basin	SO-02 (Ashland Map)	Upper Rogue River	Analysis and Documentation	Scheduled for completion May 2002	Mike Zan (541) 899-3850

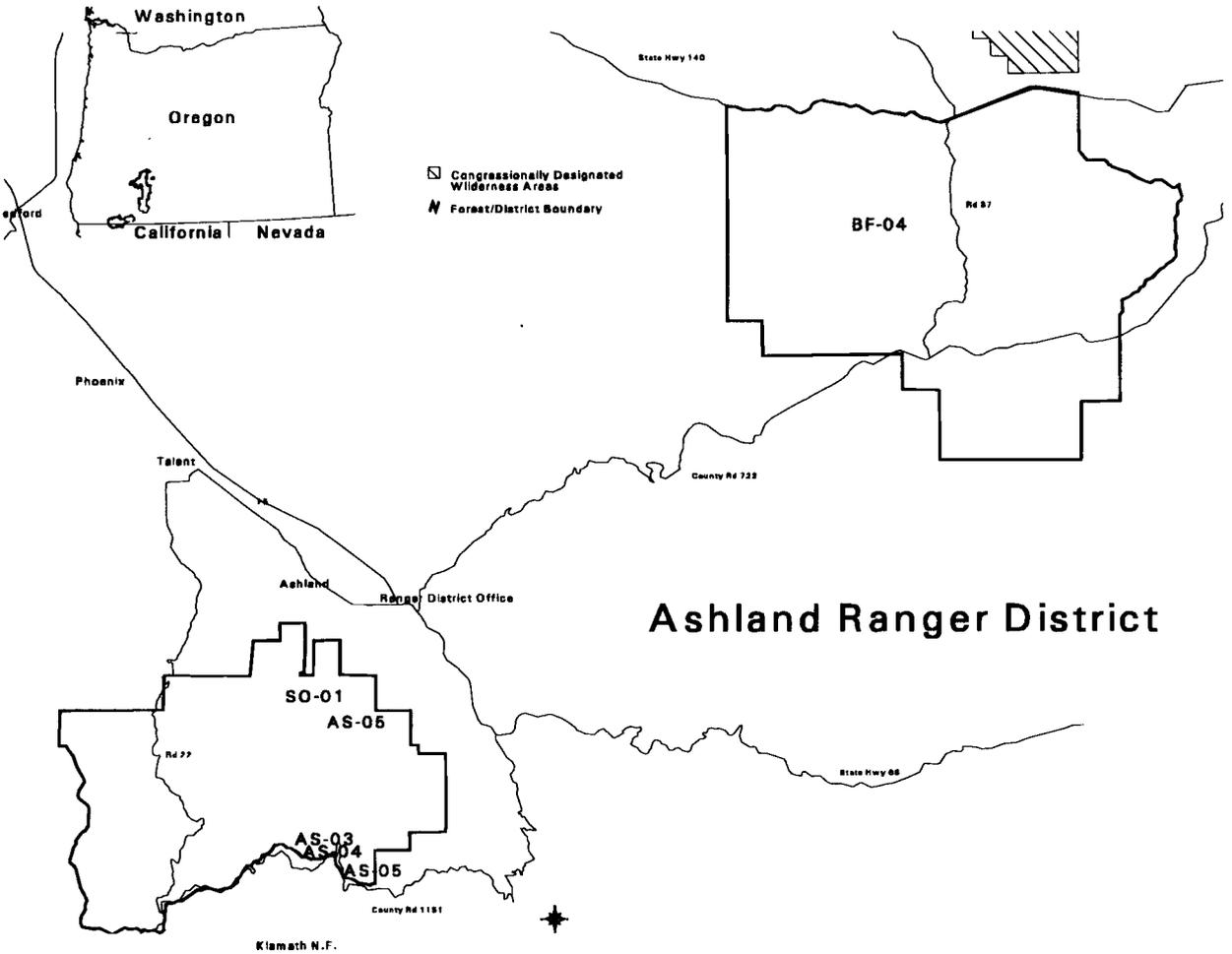


Applegate Ranger District

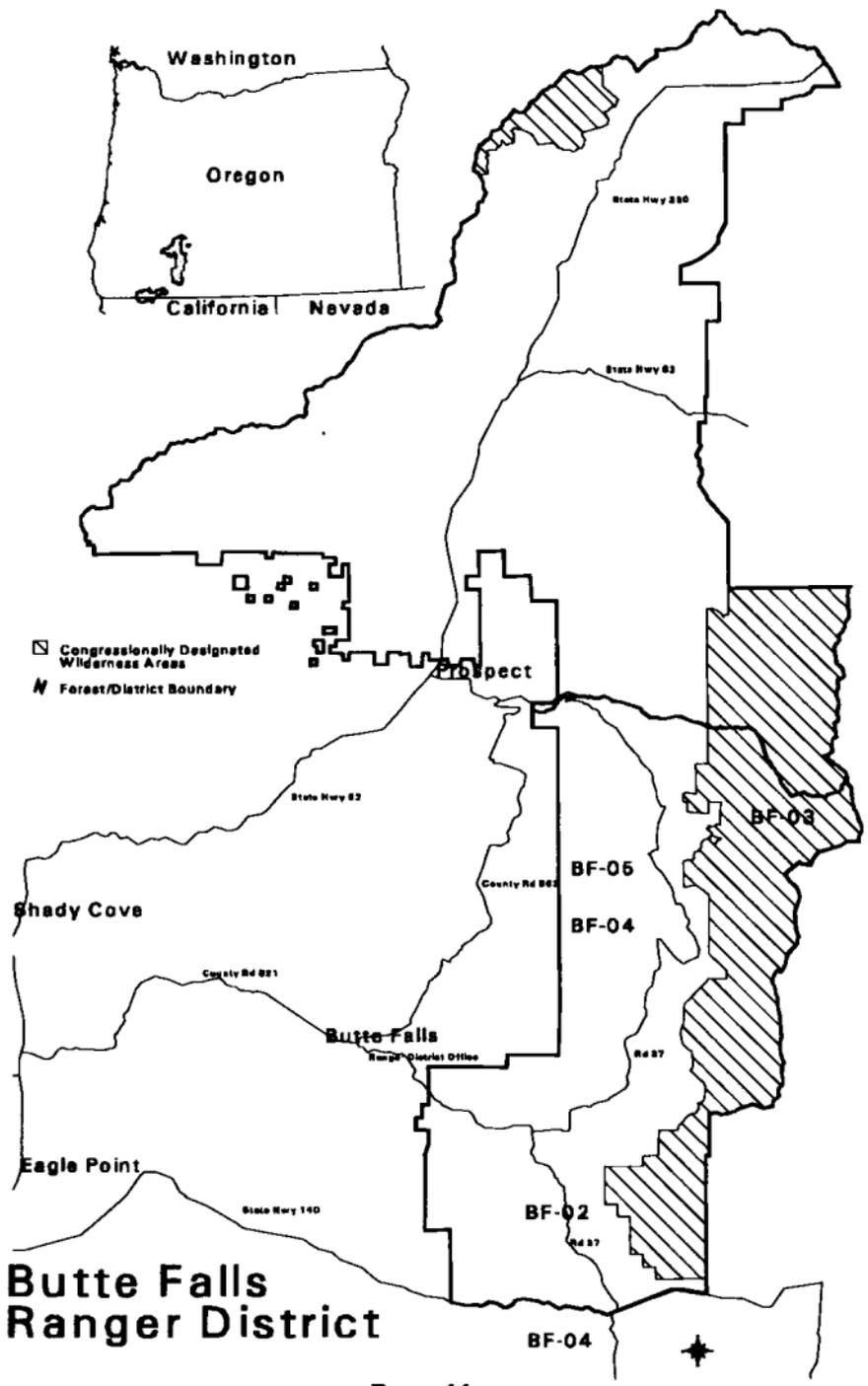


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Applegate Ranger District							
Quartz Fire Restoration and Recovery	Short term recovery of resources affected by the August 2001 Quartz Fire which may include salvage, tree planting, riparian restoration and fuels hazard reduction	T40S, R2W, Sec 1, 11,12, 13, 24, T40S R1W, Sec 7, 18, 17, 20, 19, 29, 30; T39S R1W Sec 31	AP-01	Adaptive Management Area, Riparian Reserve; Little Applegate River	EA to be completed Spring 2002	Summer 2002	Ed Reilly (541) 899-3813
Lewis Creek Bridge Replacement	Replace existing bridge crossing Sturgis Creek on FS Road 1020	T40S, R5W, Section 21 Willamette Meridian Josephine County OR	AP-02	Riparian Reserve; Sturgis Creek	Scoping	Summer 2002	Tom Lavagnino (541) 899-3840
Steamboat Mine	Developing Environmental Analysis for a Plan of Operation	T40S, R4W Section 17	AP-03	Adaptive Management Area+E30; Carberry Creek	Scoping	2002	Bengt Hamner (541) 858-2304
Steve Fork Timber Sales and Associated Projects	Multiple Resource Actions, Adaptive Management and Implementation of Landscape Design	T40, 41 S, R4,5 W Jackson and Josephine County OR	AP-04	Adaptive Management Area;+E10 Steve Fork of Carberry Creek	Inventory, scoping and analysis. Draft EIS expected in 2002	2002, 2003	Tom Lavagnino (541) 899-3840
Carberry Creek Road Slide Repair	Repair of 100' of the Jackson Country Carberry Creek Road that failed during the 1997 Flood and was temporarily repaired below minimum width	T40,41 S, R4W Jackson County, OR	AP-07	Adaptive Management Area; Riparian Reserve, Carberry Creek	Inventory, scoping and analysis. Draft EA expected in 2002	2002	Tom Lavagnino (541) 899-3840
Neighborhood Fuels Reduction Project	Reduction of fuel hazards within the Beaver Creek / Applegate River Watershed	T40,41 S, R2,3,4W Jackson County OR	AP-08	Adaptive Management Area and Riparian Reserve, Beaver Creek and Palmer Creek	EA expected in 2002	Summer 2002	Ed Reilly (541) 899-3813

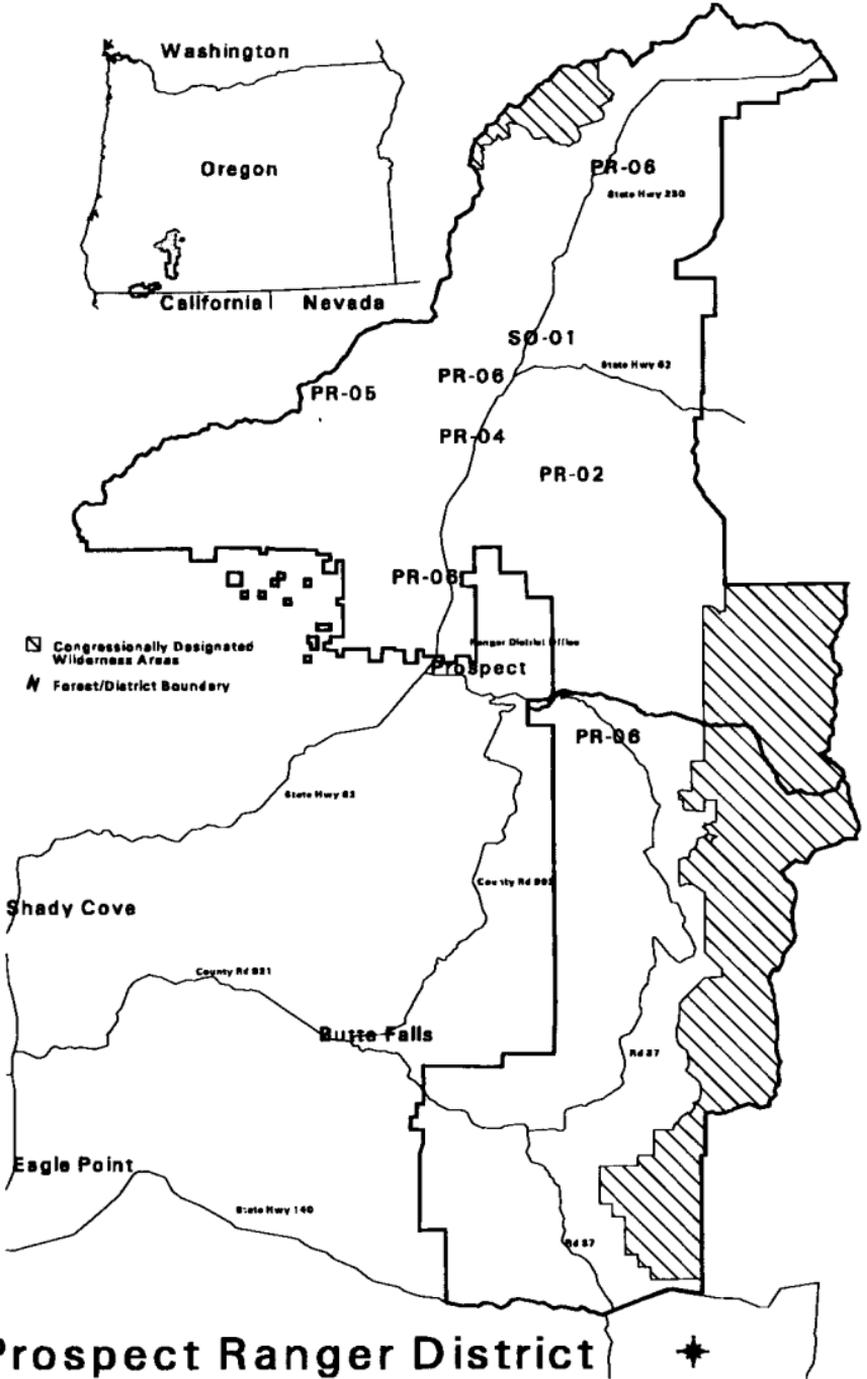
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Applegate Ranger District continued							
Middle Fork Dispersed Recreation Sites	Analysis of proposal for dispersed recreation site	T48 N, R11, 12W, Mt. Diablo Meridian, Siskiyou County CA	AP-12	Riparian Reserve, Late-Successional Reserve; Middle Fork Applegate River	EA Expected in Summer 2002	Summer 2002	Mike Ricketts (541) 899-3834
Flumet Flat Campground Redesign (non-NEPA)	Planning for re-design of Flumet Campground to address safety and environmental concerns and to comply with the American Disabilities Act requirements. Actual improvements will be processed with future site specific NEPA	Applegate River; Jackson County OR	AP-15	Riparian Reserve, Developed Recreation and Adaptive Management Area; Applegate River	Inventory and analysis	2003	Tom Lavagnino (541) 899-3840
Miscellaneous Developed Recreation Projects	Installation of host sites at Seattle Bar and McKee Bridge Day use areas, removal of hazard trees from developed recreation sites and replacement of toilet at Wrangle Campground	Several developed recreation sites on Applegate Ranger District, Jackson County OR	Various locations on AP map	Developed Recreation; Applegate River, Beaver Creek, Cougar Creek, Middle Fork of Applegate River, Carberry Creek, Wrangle Creek	CE expected in 2002	Spring / Summer 2002	Mike Ricketts (541) 899-3834
Young Stand Management	Thinning to promote stand health and ecological goals	Previously managed stands; various locations on Applegate and Ashland Ranger Districts	Various locations on AP map	Adaptive Management Area; Various watersheds	Scoping and alternative formulation	2002	Bill Thomas (541) 899-3861



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Ashland Ranger District							
Mt. Ashland Ski Area Expansion	Site Specific project Analysis of proposal for expansion, tiering to 1991 Master Plan of Record of Decision and Final EIS	T40S, R1E Jackson County OR	AS-03	Developed Recreation; Ashland Creek Watershed (also partially on Klamath National Forest)	New Draft EIS planned for Winter 2002	2002	Steve Johnson (541) 482-3333
Power Cable Replacement at Mt. Ashland	Site specific project analysis of proposal by Pacific Power for replacement of aging power cable to summit of Mt. Ashland, serving existing facilities	T40S, R1E Jackson County OR	AS-04	Developed Recreation, Ashland Creek Watershed	Revised EA expected Winter 2002	2002	Kristi Mastrofini (541) 482-3333
Bull Gap Sno-park Repaving	Site Specific proposal to repave existing sno-park vehicle parking facility adjacent to County road 1151 (Mt. Ashland Access road)	T40S R1E Sec. 22. Jackson County OR	AS-05	Late Successional Reserve; Neil Creek Watershed	CE expected in 2002	2002	Steve Johnson (541) 482-3333



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Butte Falls Ranger District							
Big Butte Timber Sales and Related Activities	Multiple commercial timber sales, road decommissioning, stand improvement and other actions designed to address ecosystem objectives	T35, 36, S R3, 4 E Jackson County OR	BF-02	Matrix; Fourbit, willow, Upper South Fork, lower South Fork sub-watersheds of Big Butte Springs Watershed	Scoping and Analysis/ Draft EIS Expected in 2002	2002-2004	Joel King (541) 560-3432
Sky Lakes Wilderness Fire Management Plan (non-NEPA)	Management Plan for natural fire and fuels management opportunities	T32S, T36S, R4,5,6 E; Jackson and Klamath Counties OR	BF-03	Wilderness; Upper Rogue and Upper Klamath Lake Watersheds Rogue River and Winema National Forests	Documentation	2002	Jim Goode (541) 560-3475
Allotment Management Plan Updates- Deadwood Complex	Alternative analysis and update of five range allotment Management Plans (Imnaha, Lodgepole, South Butte, Conde, and Deadwood)	Within Butte Falls and Ashland Districts Jackson County OR	BF-04	Various; Cascade Mountains	Decision Notice anticipated 2002	2002	Jim Goode (541) 560-3475
Cat Hill Thin	Silvicultural treatment and fuels reduction in existing plantation with commercial product removal	T35S, R4E, Section 3, 10	BF-05	Matrix, South Fork Rogue River Watershed	Analysis	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432



Prospect Ranger District

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Prospect Ranger District							
Mill Creek Timber Sales and Related Actions	Multiple commercial timber Sales, stand improvements and other actions designed to address ecosystem objectives	T30,31,32 S R3,4E Jackson County OR	PR-02	Matrix; Upper Rogue, Barr Ginkgo, Union, Upper Mill, Lower and Castle Creek sub-watersheds of the Upper Rogue River Watershed	Record of Decision Expected Fall 2001	2002-2004	Don Boucher (541) 560-3433
Highway 62 Scenic Corridor Plan	Develop management plan and actions to preserve big tree scenic and natural appearing character values	T31,R3,4E sections 3,9,10,15,16,21,28,29,32 T32S, R3E section 4,5,9,16,17,20 Jackson County OR	PR-04	Special Interest Area, Upper Rogue River Watershed	Scoping and Analysis	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432
Huckleberry Patch Mineral Withdrawl	Application to withdraw approximately 9,533 acres of National Forest Lands for location and entry under mining laws	T30S, R2E; T31S, R1E; T31S R2E Rogue River and Umpqua National Forests; Jackson and Douglas County OR	PR-05	Matrix; Upper Rogue River and South Umpqua Watersheds	EA Anticipated 2002	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432
Recreation Improvements	Foot bridges at Hamaker and Union Creek campgrounds, rehabilitation at River Bridge Campground, fencing at Imnaha Campground	Various Campground on Prospect Ranger District	PR-06	Developed Recreation; Upper Rogue River, South Fork of the Rogue River	Analysis	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432
Quartz Mountain Mining	Processing of proposed Plan of Operation for mining of silica at Quartz Mountain	T30S, R2E Section 34	PR-05	Matrix, Upper Rogue River Watershed	Draft EIS affected in 2002	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432

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Highway Hazard Tree Removal	Removal of hazard trees along public highways OR 230 and OR 62	200 foot strip on each side of Highway OR 230 and OR 62 within forest boundaries	Various locations on PR map	Special Interest Area, Matrix and LSR; Upper Rogue River Watershed	Decision Document expected December 2001	2002	Bruce Farrell (541) 560-3450
Special Forest Products	Authorization of personal use and commercial permits to gather firewood, Christmas trees and boughs, mushrooms, poles, and posts and other non-timber forest products	Butte Falls and Prospect Ranger Districts	Various locations on PR and BF map	LSR, Matrix, Riparian Reserves	Analysis	2001	Chris Lewis (541) 865-2739
Outfitter Guide Operations	Authorization of Special Use Permits for commercial outfitter/guide operations	Jackson and Douglas Counties OR	Various locations on PR map	Allocation / Watershed	Scoping and Analysis	2002	Jim Hays (541) 560-3432