



SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST PROJECT UPDATE

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NEW FORMAT- The summer edition of the Siuslaw National Forest's Project Update has a new format. As you read the document, you'll notice that it's subdivided into three subject headings; Current Projects, Decisions Made Since Last Quarter, and Items Of Interest. On page 2 you'll find a map of the forest as well as contact information for Forest offices.

Siuslaw National Forest Takes Triple Crown

Employees of the Siuslaw National Forest and their partners recently received three national awards for their work in natural resources within the Forest and surrounding communities.

One hundred and fifty five forests and 20 grasslands compete for the Chief's top honors.

Breaking Gridlock -

The Siuslaw National Forest won the Gridlock Breaking Award, which honors Forest employees for gaining public support, building a community of trust and producing economic benefits to local and regional communities.

Stewardship Award -

The Siuslaw Basin Partnership won the Natural Resource Stewardship Award. The Basin Partnership includes the Siuslaw National Forest watershed team, the Siuslaw Watershed Council, the Siuslaw Soil and Water conservation District, and the Siuslaw Institute, who have been working on watershed protection and conservation throughout the central Oregon coastal watersheds.

- Through a variety of partnerships and funding strategies these groups have been able to implement a watershed restoration program that could be a model for the nation.
- Groups in the Siuslaw Basin had experimented with working jointly on projects for the last 15 years and are capitalizing on the myriad of technical and organizational skills, financial and fund raising capabilities of each group.

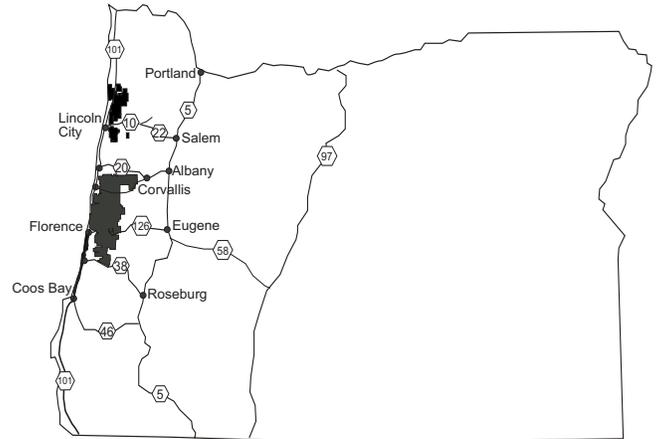
Rise to the Future -

The Rise to the Future Award was given to Siuslaw National Forest supervisor, Gloria Brown for her enthusiastic support of the watershed restoration and fish program on a forest that manages more miles of anadromous fish streams than any forest in the contiguous United States - a program that remains strong in the face of declining budgets.

For more information about the Siuslaw National Forest, visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw

Siuslaw National Forest

Vicinity map



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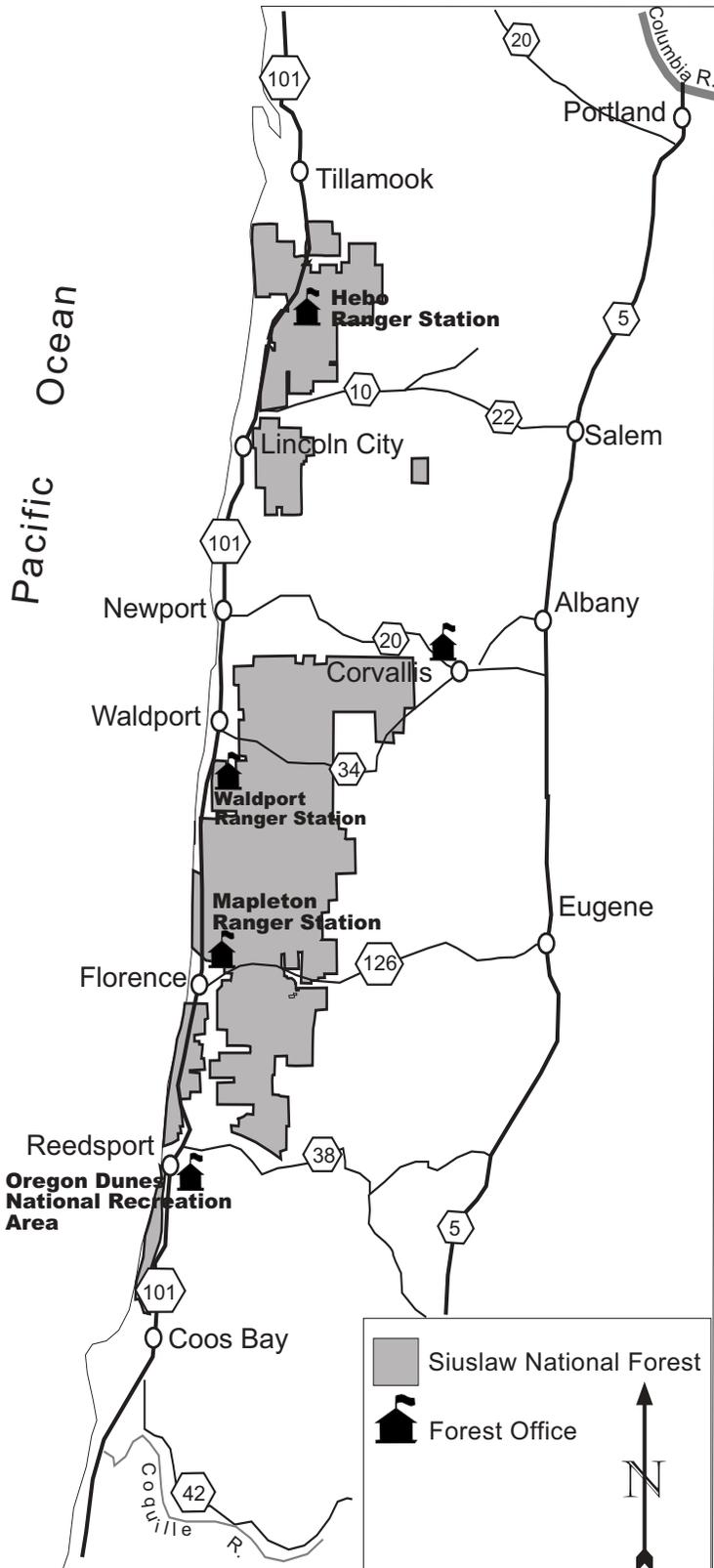
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Current Projects

Calendar Year SOPA Quarters

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Timing of Decisions

The projected decision dates in the following sections are best estimates based on predicted funding, weather conditions, project priorities, and overall scheduling of work. Although it is difficult to predict how and when these various factors will change project schedules, we will try to reflect any changes as accurately as possible as we update the Project Update each quarter.

Lands and Minerals

Lamm Small Tracts Act

*South Zone, Mapleton RD
T17S, R10W, S23*

Involves well house on USFA land.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 541-750-7175

Alsea Administrative Site Sale

*South Zone, Waldport RD
T14S, R8W, S2*

Involves sale of the land and buildings on the Alsea Administrative Site, through competitive bid.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 541-750-7175

Recreation

Sandlake Day-Use Parking Lot

*Hebo RD
Sandlake Recreation Area*

Improve an existing lot for day-use parking for about 30 vehicles, adjacent to the West Winds lot. Improvements include adding rock to existing hardened surface, paving, and developing a "staging area" and an area for small trailers.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Outfitter Guide Permits

*South Zone, ODNRA
Various locations on the NRA*

Reissue six outfitter/guide permits for motorized tours of the Oregon Dunes NRA.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Sharon Stewart, 541-271-6071

Current Projects

Recreation

Sand Camping Site Designation

South Zone, ODNRA

Motorized areas of the NRA

Designate specific sites/areas within the motorized areas of the NRA for dispersed sand camping.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Sharon Stewart, 541-271-6071

Road-Use

Moon Creek Road Decommissioning

Hebo RD

T3S, R8W, S19-23, 27-33; T3S, R9W, S12, 13, 22-24

Analyze forest roads and identify roads that need to be waterbarred and closed due to maintenance concerns or unacceptable levels of risk to fish habitat.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161

Yachats Watershed Roadwork Project

South Zone, Waldport RD

T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11, & 12W

Decommission about 17.2 miles of roads; close about 16.9 miles of road in watershed; decommission 2.4 miles of road 5491 and construct about 0.5 miles of new road.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-271-3211

Special Uses

Reeny's Reserve

Hebo RD

T5S, R9W, S25

Construct about 1,000 feet of temporary road to provide access to Boise Building Solutions land. Also included are tailhold trees and use of Forest Road 2282 for timber haul.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2004

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Special Use Permit Renewals

South Zone, Mapleton RD

South Zone-wide

Renewal of 34 water systems, 15 road use, 4 transmission lines, and 6 pasture permits. These are previously approved domestic permits that have or will expire in 2003.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Linda Motanez, 541-563-3211

Timber Sales

Windjammer Project

Hebo RD

T7 & 8S, R10W

Commercially thin approximately 1,000 acres in stand 35 to 70 years old within LSR and AMA lands; stabilize, decommission and close roads associated with commercial thin operations in Drift Creek key Watershed.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2004

Implementation: Summer 2005

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Current Projects

Watershed and Fisheries

Miscellaneous Small Projects

Hebo RD

District-wide

A five-year program of small projects including meadow maintenance and noxious weed control in urban interface areas.

Status: Decision Pending

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: John Johansen, 503-392-3161

Moon Creek Restoration

Hebo RD

T3S, R8W, S29

Install about 10 wood structures to improve stream function.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161

Lagoon Restoration

South Zone, ODNRA

T19S, R12W, S33

Develop invasive weed control plan for lagoon and nearby lakes and ponds.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement appeared in the Federal Register on 7/15/2002.

Notice of the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement appeared in the Federal Register on 3/1/2003.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Spring 2004

Contact: Mike Northrop, 541-902-6960

Watershed and Fisheries

Yachats Watershed Aquatic Restoration

South Zone, Waldport RD

T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11 & 12W

Place trees and root wads in about 15 miles of streams; plant about 75 acres with conifers and hardwoods in riparian areas; non-commercially thin about 40 acres of riparian areas, and release about 20 acres of conifers near stream.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211

Watershed Restoration

Gauldy Project Thin

Hebo RD

T4S, R9 & 10W

Commercial thinning 1,000 acres in stands 35-70 years old within LSR and AMA lands; adding stream structures; and decommissioning, stabilizing and closing specific roads.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Fall 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-2161

Yachats Watershed Terrestrial Restoration

South Zone, Waldport RD

T14S, R10, 11 & 12W; T15S, R10, 11, & 12W

Commercially thin approximately 2,300 acres of plantations 25-54 years old; underplant about 750 acres in treated stands; create snags and coarse wood material; and non-commercially thin about 1,425 acres.

Status: Document Development

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211

Current Projects

Wildlife

Early-Seral/Meadow Maintenance

South Zone, Mapleton RD
South Zone-Wide

Slash, pile and burn young conifer and brush species within young conifer plantations, in patches less than 1 acre in LSR and riparian reserves, and up to 8 acres in matrix. Follow-up treatments include fertilizing, seeding, and mowing or weed-eating.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Winter 2004

Contact: Doug Middlebrook, 541-902-2978



Decisions Made Since Last Quarter

Watershed Restoration

Five Rivers Landscape Management Project EIS

South Zone, Waldport RD
T15S, R10 & 11W

Thin and harvest about 3,230 acres of 25-35 year-old plantations; decommission roads; stabilize and close roads; create and maintain meadow; add structures to streams; precommercial thinning; planting; create snags and course wood; and treat noxious weeds

Status: Signed Decision Document

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 541-563-3211



Items Of Interest

Payments to Counties

Forest-wide - Coos, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln and Tillamook Counties

The Siuslaw Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met on June 5th and recommended 32 projects to be funded out of Title II funds in fiscal year 2004 (October 1, 2003-September 30 2004).

The Siuslaw RAC, formed as a result of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), was tasked to select projects Under Title II of the Act for recommendation to Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor, Gloria Brown for final approval. Proposed projects include: noxious weed and invasive plant control, road improvements, meadow maintenance, trash cleanup, hazardous fuel reduction, pre-commercial thinning, and trail improvement.

The RAC will meet again prior to August 30 to continue project recommendations

Details about each project, along with meeting minutes and agendas are available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw>.

For more information, contact Bill Helphinstine, Designated Federal Official, 541-902-8526, Linda Stanley, 541-750-7210 or Anna Morrison, 541-682-4203.

Invasive Plant Project

Pacific Northwest Region (involving 19 National Forests and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area)

The Regional Forester is preparing an EIS to amend Forest Plan direction that will enhance our ability to protect native ecosystems from invasive and non-invasive plants. The analysis will build on the Region's existing program by improving our ability to: prevent the introduction of invasive plant species; improve detection and rapid response to new infestations; control existing populations; and provide for restoration of native species and habitats that have been invaded.

Scoping is ongoing with a Notice of Intent printed in the *Federal Register* on August 28, 2002 (p. 55194). Public meetings are planned for Wenatchee (Nov.13), Baker City (Nov. 16) and Roseburg (Nov. 20). The Draft EIS is expected to be filed with EPA and available for 45-day public review in July 2003. A Final EIS is scheduled to be completed in December 2003.

Contact: Eugene Skrine, Team Leader, 503-326-4310

Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/invasiveplant-eis

Sand Lake Forest Lab

Hebo Ranger District

T13S, R10W, S17

Develop an environmental education trail on an isolated 11-acre National Forest parcel. Intent is to provide a short, fully-accessible trail for all ages of students.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161

Lower Siletz Watershed Analysis

Hebo Ranger District

Modify existing analysis done by the Mid-Coast Watershed Council, to highlight road, stream, riparian, and vegetative conditions on National Forest lands.

Status: Start January 2003

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 503-392-3161



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This is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the “contact person” associated with the given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for proposed projects and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analyses, Roads, Plan Amendments and Multi-Projects), and within each category in alphabetical order by Ranger District. The information provided for each action includes name, Ranger District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.



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