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This "Spring 2002" edition of the Forest Focus, the Willamette National Forest's Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA), will update you, the owners and stakeholders of this forest, on our planning efforts for future projects. Our planning focuses on activities that protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the valuable and valued resources of this forest.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guides us in making informed decisions regarding the environment. Through NEPA, we complete environmental analyses so that the public and responsible official for each project are aware of the effects on the social and natural environment. The objective of NEPA is to make better decisions and document those decisions. The process is dynamic and flexible.

Through this quarterly publication, we invite your participation in the important work that goes on across the Willamette. By sharing your interest and your ideas, you become an important contributor to our mission of "Caring for the Land and Serving People."

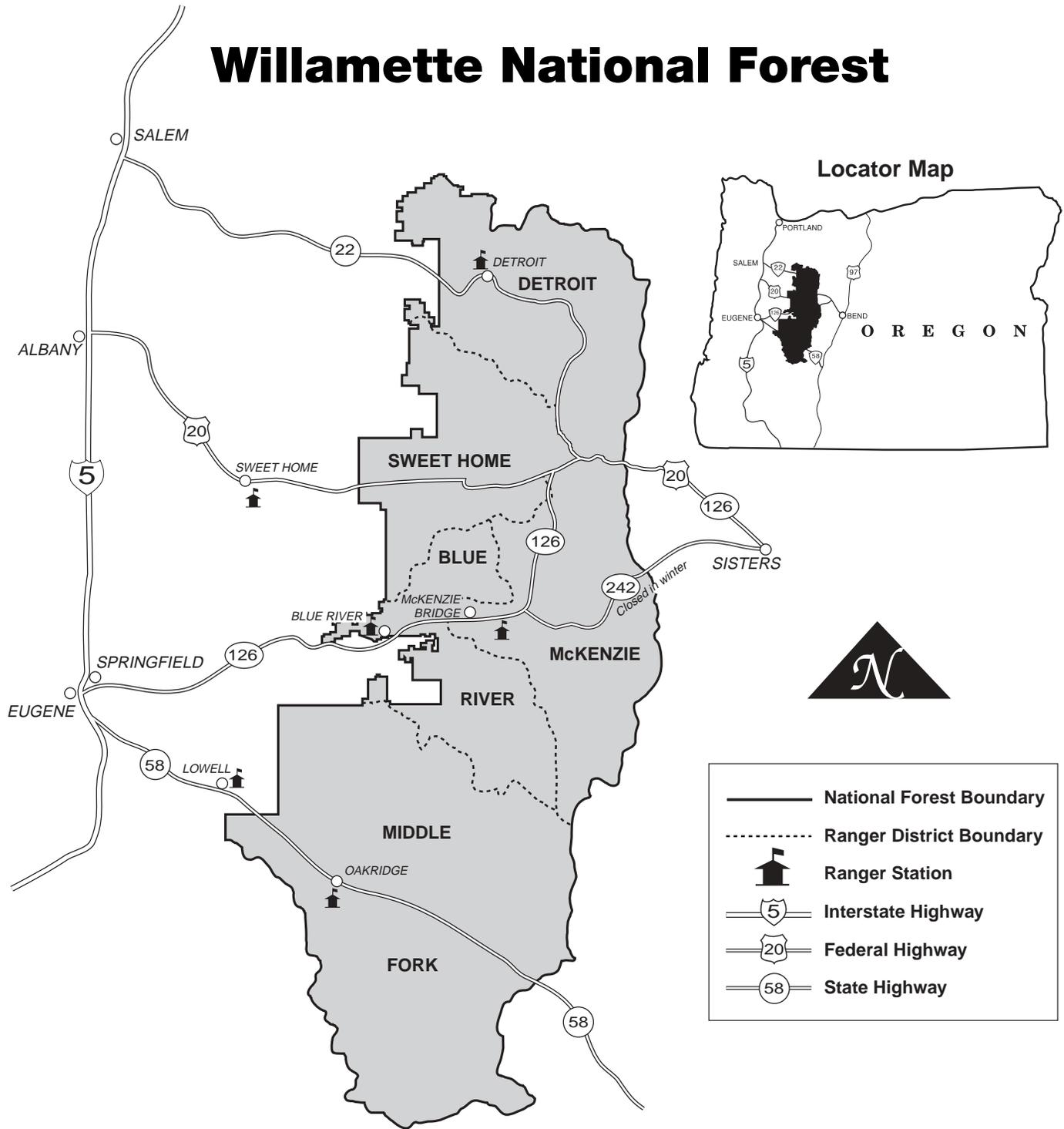
If you have questions about this publication or wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact Neal Forrester at 541-465-6521. The Forest Focus can be found on our website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette.

On behalf of the Forest Leadership Team and the dedicated employees of the Willamette National Forest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Y. Robert Iwamoto".

Y. ROBERT IWAMOTO
Acting Forest Supervisor

Willamette National Forest



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FOREST-WIDE:

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If you witness any acts of vandalism, destruction, or unauthorized gathering of forest products, please contact the nearest Ranger District or the Willamette National Forest in Eugene 541-465-6865.

Release of Names

The Office of General Council at the Department of Agriculture has determined that the names and addresses of persons who respond to solicitations for comments for Forest Service projects are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and subject to public review. Comments received in response to the actions in this publication, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on the proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments received anonymously will be accepted and considered, however, those who 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 FOIA permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted only in very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 15 days.

FROM THE DISTRICTS:

Owl Creek Special Habitat Area Plan

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5,S.24.

An Implementation Guide for the Owl Creek Special Habitat Area is being developed. This project is in the Horse Creek Watershed.

Completion: Summer 2002

Contact: Susan Stearns

Peregrine Falcon Management Plan

Detroit RD, Breitenbush Watershed.

Develop a Peregrine Falcon Management Plan for Breitenbush watershed.

Completion: Spring 2002

Contact: Daryl Whitmore

Quartzville Watershed Analysis

Sweet Home RD, T10S,R4,&5E; T11S,R4E; T11S,R4&5E, Quartzville Watershed.

The Salem BLM, in cooperation with the Sweet Home Ranger District, is preparing a watershed analysis for the Quartzville Watershed.

Status: Analysis

Completion: Spring 2002

Contact: Donna Short

CURRENT PROJECTS

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 Forest Focus each quarter.

SOPA Quarters

Fall Quarter: October 1 to December 31

Winter Quarter: January 1 to March 31

Spring Quarter: April 1 to June 30

Summer Quarter: July 1 to September 30

FOREST-WIDE

WILDLIFE

Forest Plan Amendment – Peregrine Falcon

Forestwide.

In 1999 the US Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the peregrine falcon under the ESA. Since 1990, 25 additional nest sites have been identified on the Forest. Forest Plan standards and guidelines are needed to protect nest sites and to provide for continued recovery of the peregrine falcon population.

Status: Scoping and Analysis

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Neal Forrester or Ken Byford

SPECIAL USES

Oregon Department of Forestry, John McCaslin

Supervisor's Office for Detroit RD, T11S, R6E, S. 14.

Proposal to place and operate a VHF radio repeater in an existing Forest Service

communication site for the purpose of fire suppression radio coverage and administration.

Status: Scoping

Decision: May 2002

Implementation: May 2002

Contact: Shari Monson or Penny Keen

Charter Communications (Falcon Cable Systems II, L. P.)

Supervisor's Office for Blue River & McKenzie RD, T16S, R4E, S. 21-28; T16S, R5E, S. 13-20; T16S, R6E, S. 17-18.

Issuance of a special use authorization to include existing poles, and overhead and buried cable (trunk lines) for cable television for Blue River and McKenzie Bridge.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Shari Monson or Gene Flint

Oregon Bicycle Ride 2002

Supervisor's Office for Blue River, McKenzie, and Middle Fork RD, (Willamette National Forest); and Crescent and Bend/Ft. Rock RD, (Deschutes National Forest).

Proposal for August, 2002, bicycle ride event over McKenzie Pass to Blue River and Aufderheide Drive to Oakridge (Middle Fork RD). From Oakridge, the ride would go up

State Highway 58 to Crescent Lakes Highway and to Bend, Oregon.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Shari Monson

BLUE RIVER

ROAD USE

Hardy Access and Travel Management

Blue River RD, T17S, R5E, S.6,7,18,19,29-33; T18S, R5E, S.4-10, 15-22, 27-30.

The District will assess the road system in conjunction with timber sale planning within the Hardy analysis area and provide alternative strategies to road and trail management.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

Access and Travel Management—Blue River

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.25,26,27,28.

Access and travel management planning in the Minor Thin project area is underway. Projects under consideration include closing roads to minimize big game harassment and minimize the spread of noxious weeds.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Teiva White or Kenny Gabriel

North Blue River Access and Travel Management Planning

Blue River RD, T14&15S,R5E AMA.

The District has expanded the scope of the Blue River Access and Travel Management Plan to analyze the entire Blue River Drainage. The objective is to provide an effective and safe transportation system while improving the conditions of the watershed and wildlife habitat.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Teiva White

SILVICULTURE

Aerial Fertilization

Blue River and McKenzie RDs, AMA, District-wide.

Helicopter application of nitrogen fertilizer for timber stand improvement on approximately 950 acres of managed stands. The stands proposed for treatment are located throughout the Blue River Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years depending on the availability of funding.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Kevin Moran

Pre-commercial Thinning 2002

Blue River and McKenzie RDs, AMA, District-wide.

Pre-commercially thin approximately 550 acres on Blue River Ranger District at 225 to 300 trees per acre.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Tim Kee

SPECIAL FOREST PRODUCTS

Bear Grass Sale

Blue River and McKenzie RDs, AMA, Blue River Watershed.

Beargrass harvest is proposed in managed stands. A third of the plants on a third of the acres within a 19,400-acre sale is proposed.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Bill Jackson

TIMBER SALES

Minor Thin

Blue River RD, T16S,R4E,S.26,27,28,33,34,35.

This project analyzes commercial thinning in the McKenzie Minor Tributaries Watershed. Alternatives range from 380 to 180 acres of

thinning. Approximately five miles of road are being considered for closure.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

Hardy Timber Sale

Blue River RD, T18S,R5E,S.4-10,15-22,27-30; Hardy subdrainage.

Approximately 750 acres will be reviewed for thinning and final harvest. Road construction may be proposed. An Access and Travel Management (ATM) plan will be completed as part of this project.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Teiva White

Trapper (formerly Wolfmann Projects)

Blue River RD, AMA, Blue River Watershed. The Wolfmann DEIS that analyzed the “Bear Thin” and “Mann Regen” timber sales has been withdrawn. A Federal Register listing of this action is pending. A subset of the proposed actions from the Wolfmann project have been carried into the Trapper EA. The Trapper EA proposal includes 132 acres of forest that will retain 15% canopy closure following harvest; 23 acres of forest that will retain 50% canopy closure following harvest; construction of 1500’ of temporary road; and use of low severity prescribed fire within 92 acres of forest. This proposal continues to test alternative landscape management strategies recommended in the *Blue River Landscape Strategy* within the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: August 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Cheryl Friesen

WATERSHED AND FISHERIES

Elk Creek Road Decommissioning

Blue River RD, T19S, R6E, S.8-9.

Roads 1964457, 1964486, 1964488 are currently accessed by a log stringer bridge that is in a deteriorating condition and may create a public safety hazard over time. The project

proposes to remove the deteriorating bridge, decommission stranded road segments, and rehabilitate a water source on Elk Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing

Coffee Creek Culvert Upgrade

Blue River RD, T17S,R4E,S.16.

Project involves culvert replacement to accommodate a 100-year flood flow in Coffee Creek, a tributary of Quartz Creek.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Bickford

WILDLIFE

Browse Cutback

Blue River RD, AMA, District-wide.

The project proposes to cut back preferable browse vegetation on approximately 200 acres to enhance big game forage conditions.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris

Wildlife Tree Release

Blue River RD, AMA District-wide.

Wildlife Tree Release will create approximately 100 open grown trees in previously thinned 16-20 year old conifer stands.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Penny Harris

Inoculation Monitoring

Blue River RD, AMA, District-wide.

The project proposes to destructively sample approximately 50 trees that were inoculated with stem decay more than 5 years ago to monitor the decay rates of the inoculated trees and effectiveness of creating wildlife habitat using this method.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Penny Harris

Wildlife Tree Creation 2002

Blue River RD, AMA, District-wide.
This proposal would create approximately 500 wildlife trees in recently harvested units by blasting, sawtopping, top and base girdling, inoculating with stem decays, and baiting trees with Douglas-fir beetle pheromones and combinations of the above treatments.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Penny Harris & Shane Kamrath

Down Woody Material Creation 2002

Blue River and McKenzie RDs, AMA, District-wide.
This proposal would fall approximately 350 trees to mitigate the large down wood dynamics that was interrupted by harvest. Large down wood contributes to soil nutrient cycling; fungi, small mammal, amphibian and reptile habitat.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Cavity Creation 2002

Blue River and McKenzie RDs, AMA, District-wide.
This project would enhance approximately 150 trees for structure and habitat by creating cavity starts, bat roosts, log dens and hollows in trees and inoculating with stem decay for primary and secondary cavity nesting wildlife species.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Penny Harris or Shane Kamrath

Early Stand Diversity Thinning 2002-2003

Blue River RD, T18S,R4E; T17S,R6E; T16S,R6E; T16S,R5E; and T16S,R4E; AMA. Proposal to reduce stocking and create diversity on approximately 1,200 acres in 15-

to 25-year-old stands in the Hagan, Horse Creek and Fall Creek Late-Successional Reserves over a two-year period.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Penny Harris

DETROIT

RECREATION

Opal Creek Wilderness Management

Detroit RD, Opal Creek Watershed.
This proposal will amend the Willamette National Forest Plan to include management direction for the newly designated Opal Creek Wilderness.

Status: Analysis
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Brian McGinley or Dani Rosetti

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Management Plan

Detroit RD, T8S,R4E; T9S,R5E; T8S R5E.
Proposed action is to adopt the Opal Creek SRA Management Plan developed by the Opal Creek SRA Advisory Council in consultation with the Forest Service. The plan defines the Desired Condition within the SRA and identifies applicable standards to achieve management goals. 30- Day comment period closed January 25, 2002.

Status: Decision Pending Biological Opinion from Nat'l Marine Fisheries Service
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Spring 2002
Contact: Stephanie Phillips or Jim Romero

Upper Arm Recreation Site Restoration and Enhancement

Detroit RD, T9S, R5E, S.36.
This proposal would reconstruct the Upper Arm recreation site located on the Breitenbush arm of Detroit Lake. The project involves the construction of sites and supporting facilities such as toilets, parking areas and accessible beach access.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Dani Rosetti

Crag-South Breitenbush Connector Trail

Detroit RD, T9S,R7E,S.36.
This project would construct approximately 1/4 mile of connecting trail from the parking area that jointly serves South Breitenbush Trail #3374 and Craig Trail #3364.

Status: Documentation
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Abe Quihuis

Woodpecker Trailhead Parking Improvement

Detroit RD, T10S,R7E, S.8.
The proposed project would construct a formal parking or turnaround area for large vehicles and vehicles with trailers at Woodpecker Trail #3342. The project is located within an existing harvested unit.

Status: Documentation
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Abe Quihuis

Hunt's Cove Trail Relocation/Reconstruction

Detroit RD, T10S,R8E,S.7,17,18.
The proposal would reconstruct approximately two miles of trail within Mt. Jefferson Wilderness between Hunt's Cove and the Pacific Crest Trail near Cathedral Rocks. The project will include reconstruction of existing trail and trail relocation.

Status: Documentation
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Abe Quihuis

ROADS

Blowout Suspension Bridge Repairs

Detroit RD, T10S, R5E, S.27.
This project involves removal of lead based paint and repainting the bridge towers, replacement of worn decking and suspender

cables, and construction of retaining walls to protect approach foundations of the Blowout Creek Bridge.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: FY 2003
Contact: Rod Stewart

SILVICULTURE

Pre-commercial Thinning and Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.
Proposed pre-commercial thinning would cut trees 5 inches dbh and under to a density of 300 trees per acre, leaving the biggest and best trees on the site. Project would also treat western white pine with blister rust disease.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Tree Pruning

Detroit RD, District-wide.
Proposal would prune 500 acres of trees to improve timber quality and forest health. An average of 100 trees per acre will be pruned. All western white pine trees will be pruned to control blister rust disease.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Aerial Fertilization

Detroit RD, Primarily N. Santiam drainage.
Aerial application of urea prill fertilizer (46-0-0) for timber stand improvement on approximately 2,500 acres of managed stands 3 to 70 years old.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

Special Forest Product Sales, FY 2002

Detroit RD, District-wide.
Proposal to harvest boughs and Christmas trees and utilize other products. The following list of species are proposed for removal:

Beargrass, salal, sword fern, manzanita scotch broom, huckleberry, madrone, chinquapin, willow, alder, maple, rhododendron, ceanothus, and vine maple. Harvest method would vary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Vic Baumann or Dave Leach

SPECIAL USES

Detroit Lake State Park Master Plan Environmental Assessment

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E, S.2,3,10.

Detroit Lake State Park, Tumble Creek Administrative Site, and Mongold Day Use Area are located on Federal land but managed by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) under a Special Use Authorization, due to expire in December 2002. OPRD has requested a renewal of the Authorization for a term of 20 years, and has recently completed a Master Plan for future management of these sites. The Master Plan will be analyzed in an environmental assessment. An evaluation of the Master Plan in concept would be done to approve any actions proposed in the next five years, prior to issuance of a new authorization.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Rodney Stewart

TIMBER SALES

Sugar Pine

Detroit RD, T8S,R6E, S.34; T9S, R6E. East Humbug and Fox Creek drainages.

This proposal would remove trees and understory vegetation adjacent to approximately 160 selected sugar pine trees to reduce competition for moisture and nutrients, with underburning to provide favorable conditions for natural reseeding of sugar pine.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Leach

Shore Nuf Timber Sale

Detroit RD, T10S,R5E; T10S,R6E; T11S,R5E.

The proposal would commercially thin approximately 1,136 acres of second growth timber, construct approximately 1.8 miles of temporary road and reconstruct approximately 5.7 miles of existing road. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register Vol. 65 #18, on September 15, 2001. A notice of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register Vol. 166 #184, on September 21, 2001.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Jim Romero or Rodney Stewart

MCKENZIE

AIR QUALITY

Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station

McKenzie RD, T14S,R6E,S.36.

Proposal would remove approximately 35 trees at the Three Sisters IMPROVE Air Quality Monitoring Station to maintain clearance for the site to function properly.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing and Teiva White

BOTANY

Bunchgrass Meadow Restoration

McKenzie RD, T15S,R7E ,S.10.

Proposal to remove mostly understory and mid story trees on 60 to 170 acres that have encroached upon and altered the meadow environment of Bunchgrass Meadow.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2003

Implementation: Fall 2003

Contact: Nancy Wilson

LANDS & MINERALS

Sections 13 and 14 Land Encroachments

McKenzie RD, T16S,R5E, S.13&14.

Recent adjustments of land lines in these sections have resulted in apparent property encroachments onto National Forest Lands. Landowners have been notified. Some situations may qualify for Small Tracts Act, which could result in the sale of small parcels to the adjacent landowners involved.

Status: Investigation, notification and scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Pat Hutchins

Reconstruction of West Horse Creek Bridge at Delta Road

McKenzie RD, AMA, T16S,R5E,S.16.

The District will prepare an environmental assessment on a Lane County proposal to rehabilitate the West Fork Horse Creek Bridge on Delta Road. The historical bridge is on National Forest land but is maintained by Lane County.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Al Brown

RECREATION

Fish Lake Planning Project

McKenzie RD, T13S,R6E; S.29,30,31,32.

Project includes a development plan for Fish Lake administrative and recreation sites, including the historic Fish Lake Remount Depot. Proposal may include interpretive wayside, campground improvements, dispersed camping area, and trailhead.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Stacey Smith

ROAD USE

Scale Station Road Obliteration

McKenzie RD, T16S, R4E S. 23; T16S, R4E S. 19; AMA.

This project would obliterate 800 feet of a paved road loop at old scale station adjacent to

Forest Road 19. Also included is a proposal to obliterate a 1,200-foot section of old highway 126 at milepost 44 of current State Highway 126.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Monty Wilson

Gold Hill Road Reconstruction

McKenzie RD, T16S, R4E.

A request was received from Giustina Resources for permission to reconstruct an existing access road on National Forest land for timber removal from private land.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Pat Hutchins

SPECIAL USES

Special Use Permits

McKenzie RD, District-wide.

The District periodically issues permits for miscellaneous special uses such as weddings, filming and photography, noncommercial group use, and special events.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: FY 2002

Contact: Kathy Keable

TIMBER SALES

Nineteen Road Salvage

McKenzie and Blue River RDs, S. Fork McKenzie River Watershed.

This project would salvage harvest approximately 300 mbf of primarily standing dead trees adjacent to the Aufderheide Scenic Byway (Forest Road #19) from Box Canyon to State Highway 126.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Rita Mustatia

TwoBee Landscape Management Project

McKenzie RD, AMA T13S,R6&7E; T14S,R6&7E; T15S,R6&7E.

This landscape management project include commercial thinning, selective partial harvest, and regeneration harvest on total of 1,000 acres. Project also includes road decommissioning; stream restoration; wildlife habitat improvements; recreation improvements; and introduction of fire for habitat improvement and natural fuels reduction. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for this project appeared in the Federal Register on June 29, 1999. The DEIS is scheduled for release in Fall 2002.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2003

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Al Brown or Cheryl Friesen

WATERSHED RESTORATION

Lost Lake Riparian Restoration

McKenzie RD, T13S,R7E; T13 S,R7 1/2E, S.21.

This proposal would rehabilitate disturbed and compacted soil, revegetate areas of exposed soils, and eradicate noxious weeds. Areas adjacent to Lost Lake are affected by soil disturbance and compaction from past recreational use.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Dave Kretzing, Susan Stearns

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER/GUIDES

Bob Stockdall's Guide Service

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir to Look-Out Reservoir.

Outfitting and Guiding River and fishing trips (non-motorized drift boat) on the Middle Fork Ranger District from Hills Creek Reservoir to the Corp of Engineers Boundary at Lookout Reservoir to October 31, 2002

Status: Beginning Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 2002 or 2003

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Greenwaters Rest Area Boat Ramp

Middle Fork RD/City of Oakridge, T21S,R3E, S.16.

Proposal to rebuild a boat ramp destroyed in 1996 floods on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. The objectives are to provide quality access for boaters while improving riparian health.

Status: Scoping (Title II funding)

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Terri Jones

Willamette Pass Snow-Play Expansion

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E, S.32,33; T23S,R6E, S.5.

Proposal to expand existing snow-play site by approximately two acres. All actions are within the current Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

Willamette Pass Gondola over Highway

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R6E, S.32,33;T23S,R6E, S.5.

Proposal to install a gondola to transport users from the parking lot on the south side of Highway 58 to the lodge on the north side of the highway. All actions are within the current Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Jim Williams

Cut P-Line for Ski Lift within Existing Master Plan

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R6E, S.32,33; T23S, R6E, S.4,5.

Proposal to cut a P-Line for surveying the feasibility of a potential new lift location that

corresponds to Lifts G and E in the Willamette Pass EIS. All actions are within the Willamette Pass Ski Area permit boundary.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Waldo Lake Campgrounds Gray Water Disposal

Middle Fork RD,

T21S,R6E,S.9,16;T22S,R6E,S.6.

Analyzing alternatives for disposing gray water from the three developed campgrounds.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: John Agar

Trail Reconstruction Cloverpatch-Tire Mountain Tie

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E, S.15,22.

Reconstruction of trail connecting Cloverpatch and Tire Mountain Trails.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Waldo Road Sno-Park

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5,1/2E, S.35.

Develop an alternate sno-park to replace the current facility at the Waldo Lake junction. Construct a toilet facility and snow play area adjacent to the new sno-park.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Jim Williams

Trail Reconstruction - Fall Creek Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E, S.22,23,24;

T18S,R4E, S.18,19.

Reconstruction of approximately five miles of the Fall Creek National Recreation Trail.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Reconstruction - Huggin' Tree Trail

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R3E, S.22,27.

Reconstruction of a portion of the old trail from Fall Creek to Gold Point.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Bridge Construction- Segment 5 North Fork Trail

Middle Fork RD, North Fork, Middle Fork Willamette River Drainage.

Construction of five bridges on segment 5 of the North Fork trail. Engineer-designed laminated beams will be used to prevent cutting of live trees in the riparian zone.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sue Baker

Trail Bridge Construction- Fall Creek, Johnny Creek, and Clark Creek Trails

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E; S.25-29,31;

T18S,R3E; S.19-22.

Replace deteriorating log bridges with laminated beam bridges.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2004

Contact: Sue Baker

ROAD USE

Echo Creek culvert replacement

Middle Fork RD, T24S R4E S.22.

The project proposes to replace the existing 10 ft. diameter Echo Creek culvert under road 2143.325 with an arch to provide for fish passage on this Class II stream.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Tim Bailey

Salmon Creek Road Closure

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.13.

This proposal would close 450 feet of a non-system road to vehicular travel by using an earthen berm. The road currently accesses Salmon Creek from road 2400 (Salmon Creek road).

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Gary Rost

Flat Creek Culvert Removal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E, S.14.

This proposal is to replace a culvert on Road 2404 with a larger one. The new culvert would allow 100- year flood event water flow and also improve fish passage.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Gary Rost

Clark Creek Culvert Replacement

Middle Fork RD, Forest Road 18, Milepost 12.66.

Project proposes to replace the existing Clark Creek culvert with an arch to provide fish passage and protection from 100-year flood events.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Larry Tennis

Diamond Drive

Middle Fork RD, T24S, R5E, S.21;T25S,R5E, S.13.

The proposed project will upgrade 13.3 miles of Road 2154 to a double lane paved standard from Road 21 to Umpqua Road 6000770. The project will widen the existing road to a double lane. Major work items will include clearing, excavation, culvert placement, aggregate placement, and paving.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Keith Wheeler

Access and Travel Management Plans (ATM) Middle Fork District - Middle Fork ATM

Middle Fork RD

The Middle Fork Access and Travel Management Plan is being developed by subwatershed (nine subwatersheds on the Middle Fork District). The Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM analysis was completed in the Spring of 1999. The other eight subwatersheds will be analyzed based on the Fall Creek/Little Fall Creek ATM. Documentation of analyses may be in the form of a management plan or a NEPA document.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Terri Jones, D'Lynn Williams

Puma Fire Project

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E, S.25,26,36.

The proposal includes removal of hazard trees, fuel hazard reduction activities, and maintenance of roads 1800 and 1825.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Road Use Permit - Wilson

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.15.

David Wilson is requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across FS land.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Martin

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R2E, S.13.

Betty Lou D. Martin is requesting use of National Forest land to access her property. Access to her property from Highway 58 is unsafe due to the high volume of traffic and no safe turn-off space.

Status: Analysis ongoing

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Neal

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R5E, S.21,27.
Brian Neal is requesting utilization of National Forest land to access his property via two roads. His property is completely surrounded by National Forest land.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Hayden

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2E,S.26.
Cedric L. Hayden is requesting a permit for use of National Forest land to access his property for timber haul for five years. There will be no new ground disturbance as the road is in place, (permit issued in 1991).

Status: Documentation
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

SILVICULTURE

Young Stand Density Management

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Between 1,000 and 2,500 acres of young stand density management is proposed at various locations throughout the District, depending on funding. The units proposed for treatment may occur in Late-Successional Reserves or riparian reserves.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

Pruning

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Approximately 1,500 acres of pruning in young timber stands (from 15 to 50 years in age) is proposed at various locations throughout the district. Units proposed for treatment are in Matrix lands.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

Fertilization

Middle Fork RD, District-wide.
Fertilization of approximately 1,500 acres of young stands is proposed at various locations throughout the district. The units proposed for treatment are not in Late-Successional Reserves.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Mike Jenson or Terri Jones

SPECIAL USES

City Of Oakridge

Middle Fork RD, Dead Mountain Electronic Site, Sec.1, T. 21 S., R. 3 E., W.M.
Request for a special use permit for constructing a 12 x 12 foot cement building with 150-foot tower to house current users that are currently occupying a Forest Service building. New building would also provide for additional users.

Status: Scoping on-going
Decision: June 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Cascade Cream Puff

Middle Fork RD, Various existing roads and trails
Requesting special use permit for recreation 100 mile 3 lap Mountain Bike Race. Utilizes various existing roads and trails such as FS roads 19, 1910, 1802, 1802-141, 1802-140, 1912, the Alpine Trail and the North Fork Trail.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: July 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Emerald Empire Sports Club Hill Climb

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.33.
Requesting Special use permit for annual Recreation Event in July. Race-course is on FS road 2101 near Larison Rock.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

Where's Waldo - 100K Ultra Marathon & Relay

Middle Fork RD, Crescent RD, and Bend Fort Rock RD; Willamette, and Deschutes NF. Requesting special use permit for recreational 100K relay race September 28, 2002, starting at Willamette Pass climbing several mountain peaks (Fuji, Twins, Maiden Peak) before returning to the ski area. The race is a 2-person relay and is not a beginner level race.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Fat Tire Festival

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.12-15, 17-18,20-21, and 24; T21S, R4E, S.7,18.

Randy Dreiling is requesting a special use permit to hold a recreational mountain biking event/race for registered participants. Event will be on National Forest Land utilizing various trails and Forest roadways.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Fur Takers

Middle Fork RD, Waldo Lake - Shadow Bay Campground.

Request was received for special use permit for holding a four-day recreational event of lectures, talks, demonstrations, contests, canoe races, and an auction.

Status: Scoping

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oakridge Sewage Treatment Permit Renewal

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.18.

The City of Oakridge has requested to renew the permit for operating a Sewage Treatment Plant. The permit authorizes operation of the processing plant and spreading of treated effluent on approximately 13 acres of National Forest lands. The current permit expires on Dec. 31, 2001.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Rental Home Analysis

Middle Fork RD,

T21S,R2E,S.12;T21S,R3E,S.15.

The District proposes to dispose of five rental houses for which needed maintenance and repairs are unfunded. The houses are located at the Rigdon Work Center east of Oakridge and in the western end of the City of Westfir, and are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Structures. The proposed action is to find another party to maintain, manage, and use these buildings at their present sites, consistent with their historic value.

Status: Alternative development

Decision: September 2003

Implementation: January 2004

Contact: Tim Bailey

Middle Fork RD Special Uses

Permitting special uses (e.g., weddings, filming, apiary locations, etc.) as requested throughout the year.

Status: Scoping ongoing

Decision: As needed, when requests are made

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

TIMBER SALES

Stumble Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R2,3,4E,

T19S,R2,3,4E.

Salvage blow down trees and hazard trees that have been removed along the Fall Creek corridor and connecting spurs (excluding the Puma Fire area).

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Rick Scott

Kiln Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T25S,R4E,Sec 17-18.

Salvage of approximately 25 ccf of blown down trees within the road prism of FS Road 2136279.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Rick Scott

Lookout Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R4E,S.29.
Project proposes to cut and remove approximately 5.5 acres of trees on the south and east sides of Warner Lookout to improve visibility for fire detection and to reduce fire hazard near the lookout.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Rick Scott

Buzzard Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3&4E.
Approximately 5.5 MMBF of commercial thinning and 0.4 MMBF of sanitation salvage. Project would include construction of approximately 0.4 miles of system road, and 0.3 miles of temporary road.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Fall 2002
Implementation: Fall 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Jump Up Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E.
Project proposes to thin approximately 600 acres of managed stands from 45 to 75 years of age, producing about 7 MMBF of timber. Project includes reconstruction of about 21 miles of existing road. Depending upon timber receipts, this project would also include young stand density management and trail reconstruction and maintenance.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Fall 2002
Implementation: Fall 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Julep Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T22&23S,R4&5E.
Project proposes approximately 200 acres of regeneration harvest and 175 acres of thinning, for a total of 7 MMBF. This project may exceed the Regional Guidelines for size limitation for created openings (60 ac.)

because an opening of 86 acres is under consideration to reduce fragmentation.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Fall 2002
Implementation: Summer 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Ursus Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R4E,S.3,6,7,10,14,17,21,23.
Project proposes to commercially thin 500 acres of previously managed stands.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2003
Implementation: Fall 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Brush Creek Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R2E,S.7-9&16-20.
Regeneration harvest of about 100 acres and commercial thinning of approximately 75 acres of managed plantations. Associated activities include road construction, road maintenance and about 4.0 miles of road closures.

Status: Documentation
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Winter 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Windy Cabin Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T19S, R2E, S.25,26,34-36; T19S, R3E, S.30,31; T20S, R2E, S.1-3,10- 12; T20S, R3E, S.5- 8.
Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres and commercial thinning of about 600 acres of managed plantations, yielding an estimated 15 MMBF of timber.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Fall 2002
Implementation: Spring 2003
Contact: Rick Scott

Hi-Brock Salvage

Middle Fork RD, T19S,R5E, S.3,9,10,16,17,27,28, 33,34.
Salvage of blown down trees in the road prism adjacent to roads 760 and 762, along with logs from road repair projects.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: John Poet

WATERSHED & FISHERIES

Salmon Creek Levee Maintenance Project

Middle Fork RD and City of Oakridge, T21S,R3E, S15 & 16.

Proposal to repair five levee breaches caused by 1996 floods in order to improve public safety and provide protection to a primary Oakridge city well-head. Treatment includes re-establishing levee slope, keying riprap to streambed, noxious weed abatement, and native species planting.

Status: Scoping (Title II funding)
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Fall 2002
Contact: Terri Jones

Chuckle Springs Fish Habitat Enhancement Project

Middle Fork RD, T24S,R5E,S.19.

Project proposes to improve Bull Trout spawning habitat by reintroducing fine gravel in one large pool in Chuckle Springs prior to the return of the adult Bull Trout to spawn. Project is a partnership involving Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service, and individual volunteers.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Doug Larson or Steve Cossette

Coffeepot and Dry Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R3E, S.35,36; T23S,R3E, S.34. Coffeepot and Dry Creeks
The proposed project in Coffeepot Creek consists of instream structure placement via helicopter in 0.4 miles of channel. The proposed project involves road decommissioning 0.7 mile on Road #166.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Dan Anderson

Good Fortune Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E, S.7.

Enhance a one-mile stretch of Windfall Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Rug Rat Aquatic Restoration Project

Middle Fork RD, T20S, R2E, S.3,4; T19S, R2E, S.19, 21, 22,29,30.

Enhance 1.5 mile stretch of Winberry Creek and a 2-mile stretch of South Fork Winberry Creek for fish and other aquatic life.

Status: Analysis ongoing
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Swift Creek Instream Placement and Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.29.

An instream structure placement project is planned to improve the habitat quality for aquatic species in Swift Creek.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Dan Anderson

Hehe Creek Stream Rehabilitation and Watershed Restoration

Middle Fork RD, T18S,R5E,S.16,17,20,21.

Restoration project to improve aquatic habitat in this watershed.

Status: Scoping
Decision: Spring 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Hillbilly Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R5E,S.6.

Enhance a one half mile stretch of Hills Creek for fish and other aquatic life using large woody material.

Status: Analysis
Decision: Summer 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Ron Mecklenburg

Buck Creek Culvert Replacement Project

Middle Fork RD, T23S,R3E,S.9.

Project would replace existing culvert on FS Road 21 at Buck Creek with a bridge to allow fish passage for resident and anadromous fish.

Status: Analysis

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Doug Larson

WILDLIFE

North Shore Meadow Restoration

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E, S.17&18.

This project would attempt to restore historic dry meadow conditions by treating extensive noxious weed populations, treating small conifer encroachment where needed, enhancing or maintaining the Oregon white oak component, and by applying prescribed fire to enhance native vegetation.

Status: Scoping, funding requested (Title III funding).

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Kirk Lunstrum

Flat Creek Administrative Site Cleanup

Middle Fork RD, T21S,R3E,S.14.

The project proposes to remove noxious weeds from the Flat Creek administrative site. The project may also include removing non-native species from the Olsen homestead west of Flat Creek. The project may include planting native species to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, and litter patrol.

Status: Funding requested (Title II funding).

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams

Kitson Bat Habitat Management & Monitoring

Middle Fork RD, T22S,R4E,S.6.

Proposal to restore bat habitat on the Kitson property. In addition, monitoring would lead to a better understanding of year-around habitat use by local bat populations.

Status: Funding requested (Title III funding).

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Dick Davis

SWEET HOME

FACILITIES

Sweet Home Ranger District Office

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R1E, S.33.

The District proposes an exchange of ten or more residential, office, shop, and storage properties for the administrative site currently being leased by the government for the Sweet Home Ranger District office. The purpose of the exchange is to reduce costs to the government by disposing of facilities that are no longer needed by the Forest Service, and acquire an administrative site currently being leased for the Sweet Home District Office.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Winter 2003

Implementation: Winter 2003

Contact: Mike Rassbach

RECREATION

Daly Lake Access Improvements

Sweet Home RD, T12S, R6E, S. 10 & 11.

Barrier free access improvements are proposed for the Daly Lake dispersed recreation area.

This project proposes to reconstruct the trail to Daly Lake to improve accessibility, improve existing dispersed campsites, construct a trail bridge across the inlet creek, replace the old pit toilet with vault toilet, and construct a barrier free fishing platform on the lakeshore.

Proposal would also replace a trail bridge across the outlet creek.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Spring 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

ROAD USE

Trout Creek Bridge

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R4E,S.32.

Propose to replace the current concrete culvert on highway 20 with a bridge to improve fish habitat. Work would be accomplished by ODOT and would include an easement from the Forest Service to ODOT.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: Summer 2003

Contact: Daren Utley

West Boundary Rock Source Expansion

Sweet Home RD, T14S,R5E, S.24, AMA, South Santiam Watershed.

Proposal to expand West Boundary pit by about one acre to include the area between the current development and Road 1509 by clearing brush and fire regenerated second growth.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: FY 2003

Contact: Doug Shank

SILVICULTURE

Precommercial Thinning

Sweet Home RD

Proposal is for precommercial thinning on 1,589 acres and conifer release on 89 acres in the Quartzville Creek, Middle Santiam, South Santiam, Mckenzie and Calapooia Watersheds. 964 acres proposed in the Late Successional Reserves, 515 acres proposed in the Matrix lands and 200 acres proposed in the Aquatic Management Area.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: Fall 2002

Contact: Pete Jorgenson

SPECIAL USES

Special Uses

Sweet Home RD, District-wide

Permitting special uses as requested throughout the season.

Status: Analysis ongoing, requesting input

Decision: As needed when requests are made

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Lupe Wilson

TIMBER SALES

Parks Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E, S.12,13&25; T13S, R7E, S.5,6,9,18.

Overstory removal of existing shelterwood stands in pre-logged harvest units. The proposed treatment area is 275 acres. Harvest volume removed would range from 2 to 5 MMBF.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Suzanne Schindler

South Pyramid Timber Sale

Sweet Home RD, T12S,R6E, S.28-33;T12S,R5E, S.25.

Harvest of approximately 4.0 MMBF of timber from the South Pyramid Creek subdrainage would include regeneration, partial removal, and thinning. Road construction and reconstruction also considered. A Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement appeared in the Federal Register on August 2, 1999.

Status: Documentation

Decision: Fall 2002

Implementation: 2003

Contact: Brian McGinley

Sheep Soda Thin

Sweet Home RD, AMA, T13S,R5E, S.20,22,28,29, South Santiam Watershed.

Commercial thin about 600 acres of 35- to 45 year old managed stands. This area will also be reviewed for Special Forest Products.

Status: 30-day comment period ends May 8, 2002

Decision: Spring 2002

Implementation: 2002

Contact: Doug Shank and Suzanne Schindler

WILDLIFE

Wetland Restoration

Sweet Home RD, South Santiam Watershed,
AMA

Proposal would restore the character of six wetlands to provide habitat for amphibians and waterfowl, using natural materials to maintain water levels, noxious weed removal, planting native shrubs, and placement of nest boxes. One spur road will be brushed and opened. The last 0.3 mile of road 2027-805 will be closed with earthen berm after completion of project.

Status: Scoping

Decision: June 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Virgil Morris

Topo Falls Big Game Habitat Improvement

Sweet Home RD, AMA, T13S, R4E, S.31.

Proposal to precommercial thin, prune, and aerial fertilize (16-20-0) 11 acres, and cut brush on 26 acres within a managed stand to improve big game forage quality.

Status: Scoping

Decision: Summer 2002

Implementation: Summer 2002

Contact: Virgil Morris

DECISIONS MADE DURING THE LAST QUARTER

BLUE RIVER

RESEARCH

Research—H. J. Andrews Soil Study Herbicide Application

Blue River and McKenzie RD,
T15S,R5E,S.28.

This project proposed to apply small doses of commercially available, biodegradable herbicide as needed to control competing vegetation on small research plots (10m. x 15m.) at H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest. No long-term or off-site effects are expected.

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: John Cissel or Jim Mayo

SILVICULTURE

Conifer Pruning

Blue River and McKenzie RD, District-wide. Selectively prune trees on approximately 700 acres of young conifer stands to improve timber quality and reduce the risk of infection from blister rust in western white pine. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years, depending on the availability of funding.

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Tim Kee

Conifer Release

Blue River and McKenzie RD, District-wide. Release conifer seedlings in young plantations from competition with brush on approximately 100 acres, located throughout the Blue River Ranger District. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years, depending on the availability of funding.

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Bill Beardsley

Pre-commercial Thinning

Blue River and McKenzie RD, AMA,
District-wide.

Pre-commercial thin young conifer stands to enhance growth, vigor, and stand health. Approximately 1,050 acres located throughout the Blue River Ranger District are proposed for treatment. The treatments are planned to occur over the next 2 years depending on the availability of funding.

Decision: March 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Tim Kee or Bill Beardsley

MCKENZIE

SPECIAL USES

EWEB Defensible Space

McKenzie RD, T14S,R6E, S.1.

For fire protection, Eugene Water and Electric Board proposes to improve defensible space for the Trailbridge Dam housing compound by cutting and removing approximately 100 trees near the homes.

Status: To be combined with TwoBee Project

Contact: Phil Raab

MIDDLE FORK

OUTFITTER/GUIDES

Wildlife Outfitters

Middle Fork RD, Hills Creek Reservoir to Lookout Reservoir.

Outfitting and Guiding river and fishing trips (non-motorized drift boat) on the Middle Fork Ranger District from the Hills Creek Reservoir to the Corp of Engineers Boundary at the Lookout Reservoir from March to October 31, 2002.

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: April 9, 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon Adventures

Middle Fork RD. District-wide.
Requesting a special use permit for outfitting and guiding for mountain biking on a variety of areas on the Middle Fork Ranger District. This will be the 4 th year of operation on the National Forest for this Outfitter.

Decision: April 2002

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Oregon River Sports

Middle Fork RD. Middle Fork of the Willamette River.
Requesting special use permit for outfitting and guiding to provide instructional training in paddling skills for rafting, kayaks and canoes.

Decision: April 18. 2002

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

RECREATION

Willamette Pass Snow-making Pond Site

Middle Fork RD, T22S, R6E, S.32,33; T23S,R6E, S.5.

Creation of a two-acre water storage pond for existing snow making operations. Some of this project may be located outside of the current permit boundary.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: Jim Williams

ROAD USE

Quarry Expansion

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R3E, S.16.

The proposal is to expand an existing rock pit along road 1912678 by removing overburden not suitable for crushed rock production, and use as fill material in the repair of two nearby road failure areas. The project would require removal of about 1 1/2 acres of trees decked on the site for future sale or use in restoration projects.

Status: Project dropped

Contact: Mark Leverton

Oakridge Gun Club

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.22

Requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across FS land.

Decision: April 15, 2002

Implementation: April

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Moody

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.15.

Terry Moody is requesting renewal of a private road special use permit for 5 years. The permittee cannot access their land except across National Forest land.

Decision: April 15, 2002

Implementation: April

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Road Use Permit - Moon

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.15.

The Moons are requesting a 5-year private road special use permit to access their property.

Status: April 15 2002

Implementation: April 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

SPECIAL USES

Oakridge Tree Planting Festival

Middle Fork RD, T21S, R3E, S.14,15.

Requesting special use permit for utilization of Rigdon Bike path and parking facilities at Flat Creek Work Center for between 50 to 150 participants for a Salmon Creek Fun Run, 2 mile Walk and 10K Run in May.

Status: Scoping

Decision: April 19, 2002

Implementation: Spring 2002

Contact: Sandra Melinder

Ft. Umpqua Muzzle Loaders

Middle Fork RD, Larison Cove Area.

Recreational Event April 19-28, 2002, consisting of an 1840's style black powder rendezvous. The gathering is of approximately 150 people sharing fun, adventure knowledge, skills as well as challenging competition and historic recreation.

Decision: March 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

SWEET HOME

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council (MFWWC)

Middle Fork RD, Lowell Service Center. Requesting renewal of a special use permit to occupy building #1036 at the Lowell Service Center.

Decision: February 28, 2002
Implementation: February 2002
Contact: Sandra Melinder

TIMBER SALES

Spring Timber Sale

Middle Fork RD, T24S, R5E, S.15,16,21,22,&23, T25S, R5E, S.1,2,3,4,11,&12.

Proposal includes regeneration harvest retaining levels of tree retention from 20%-50% in regeneration units. Thinning and regeneration harvest will yield 6 to 8 MMBF of timber. Restoration projects include riparian large wood placement, fisheries enhancement, recreation trail repair, hardening of dispersed recreation sites, road closure, road reconstruction, culvert replacement, hydrologic decommissioning of roads, browse cutback, precommercial thinning, and fuels treatment.

Status: Dropped
Contact: Rick Scott

WATERSHED & FISHERIES

Buckhead Noxious Weed Treatment

Middle Fork RD, T20S,R2E,S.35,36; T21S,R2E,S.1,2.

Proposal to manually pull noxious weeds at the Buckhead Wildlife Refuge off FS Road 5821. This project would also include roadside brushing, litter patrol and planting native species to prohibit the spread of noxious weeds.

Decision: March 2002
Implementation: March 2002
Contact: Kim McMahan, D'Lynn Williams

MINERALS

Mountain High Mining Claim

Sweet Home RD, T11S,R4E,S.36. Quartzville Watershed.

Decision Memo for Reclamation of site and use of buildings on an existing mining claim for 1 year.

Decision: January 23 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Robb Ginn

Cone Peak #7 Emery Mine

Sweet Home RD, T13S,R6E, S.30. Middle Santiam Watershed.

EA and Plan of Operations for an existing mining claim. The current plan has expired and a new five-year plan is proposed. The operation would extract an abrasive mineral material known as emery from a small open pit (30 by 80 feet).

Decision: January 23 2002
Implementation: Summer 2002
Contact: Rob Ginn

SILVICULTURE

Canal Bear Grass Sale

Sweet Home RD, Quartzville Watershed. Purpose to harvest bear grass in managed stands over 6,000 acres.

Decision: February 28, 2002
Implementation: FY 2003
Contact: Robb Ginn

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