

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

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Presentation Title: Clackamas County Briefing -BLM Northwest Oregon District

Department: BCS/County Parks & Forest

Presenters: Jose Linares, District Manager, BLM – Northwest Oregon District; John Huston, Field Manager, Northwest Oregon District; Rick Gruen, County Parks & Forest Manager

Other Invitees: Laura Zentner, BCS Interim Director

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Information and updates from the BLM Salem District Leadership Team

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Oregon and California Railroad Revested Lands, known as the O&C Lands, lie in a checkerboard pattern through eighteen counties of western Oregon. These lands contain more than 2.4 million acres of forests with a diversity of plant and animal species, recreation areas, mining claims, grazing lands, cultural and historical resources, scenic areas, wild and scenic rivers, and wilderness. Most of the O&C lands are administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The O&C Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937 put the O&C lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior (BLM). The lands were classified as timberlands to be managed for permanent forest production, and the timber was to be sold, cut, and removed in conformity with the principle of sustained yield for the purpose of providing a permanent source of timber supply. The Act also provided for protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities.

BLM has recently completed its Draft Resource Management Plan for six (6) BLM districts in western Oregon. Clackamas County, which is one of the 18 western Oregon O&C counties and is part of the BLM – Northwest Oregon District, contains approximately 90,000 acres of BLM managed O&C forestlands.

Clackamas County and BLM have partnered on many forest and recreation projects over the years including: Table Rock Recreation Area, Wilhoit Springs Park, Sandy Ridge Trail System, Barlow Wayside Park, Boulder Creek land exchange, and Dumpstoppers (Title II funding) .

BLM Northwest Oregon District Staff will provide the BCC with updates on:

- Eugene/Salem District Consolidation
- Title II Funding - Secure Rural Schools Act
- Updates on Land and Water Conservation Fund acquisitions in the Sandy River Basin
- Sandy River Basin Partnership Habitat Restoration Accomplishments
- Timber Sale Planning
- Unsafe Target Shooting at Miller Quarry
- Updates for Wildwood, Molalla River Corridor, and Marmot Dam Recreation Areas

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

SRS Payments to Counties (BLM)

Is this item in your current budget? N/A YES NO

What is the cost? \$ N/A What is the funding source? – Secure Rural Schools Act Funding

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- Forest and timberland asset management
- Honor, Utilize, Promote and Invest in our Natural Resources

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

County Parks & Forest and BLM have several intergovernmental agreements in place to promote and enhance outdoor recreation and natural resource management on forest lands in Clackamas County.

OPTIONS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1 – Clackamas County Briefing, BLM Quarterly Report for Northwest Oregon District

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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Northwest Oregon District

Overview

The Northwest Oregon District, which resulted from the consolidation of the Salem and Eugene Districts effective October 1, 2016, encompasses approximately 720,000 acres of public domain and O&C lands in Northwest Oregon. These lands offer premier recreation opportunities from the internationally recognized Sandy Ridge Mountain Biking Trail System to the agency's only 18 hole disc golf course at the West Eugene Wetlands and the developed OHV trails and training complex near Marcola, OR. The District's northern boundary is the Columbia River and its southern boundary dips into Douglas County. From east to west the District stretches from the crest of the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean, where another one of its treasures, the Yaquina Lighthouse, greets thousands of visitors each year. Eight of Oregon's ten largest cities lie within the District, with well over half of Oregon's population. Under the new Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon, over 200 employees ensure management of its lands for recreation, wildlife, timber, and socioeconomic values among many other benefits. This includes the highest Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) of annual timber output, at 118 MBF, among BLM units in the Pacific Northwest. The District also works with a wide assortment of partners on nationally recognized stream restoration and habitat improvement projects for rare and threatened plant and animal species.

Top Ten Coolest Facts

- The Northwest Oregon District encompasses approximately 720,000 acres of public domain and O&C lands, which is larger than the land area of the state of Rhode Island.
- The premier mountain biking site at Sandy Ridge is a sought after international destination. Approximately 100,000 bikers hit the 15 miles of trails located there each year in comparison to the several thousand visitors that visit the 200 miles or so of mountain biking trails located atop Mt. Hood.
- The West Eugene Wetlands is home to the agency's only 18 hole disc golf course.
- The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is a designated NLCS site, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. At 93 feet tall, Yaquina Lighthouse is also the tallest lighthouse in Oregon.
- Eight of Oregon's ten largest cities lie within the District, and boast over 75% of Oregon's population.
- The District touches 14 counties, more than any other District in BLM OR.
- Under the new Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon, the District carries the highest Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) of annual timber output among BLM units in the Pacific Northwest, at 118 MMBF. The District's total annual target is approximately 150 MMBF, which is more than any other federal unit within the BLM or US Forest Service.
- The "path of totality" for the 2017 solar eclipse will pass through the heart of the District on August 21st. The first place the eclipse will be visible is Depot Bay, OR near Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. The event is drawing "eclipse chasers" from across the world to Oregon.
- The Wildwood Recreation Site is one of, if not the oldest continuously managed developed BLM recreation site in the agency. A new management plan for the site is in development.
- Pechuck Lookout, located just outside the boundary of BLM's Table Rock Wilderness Area, was originally built in 1932 and is the only stone cupola-style lookout known to exist in Oregon and Washington. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Lookouts.

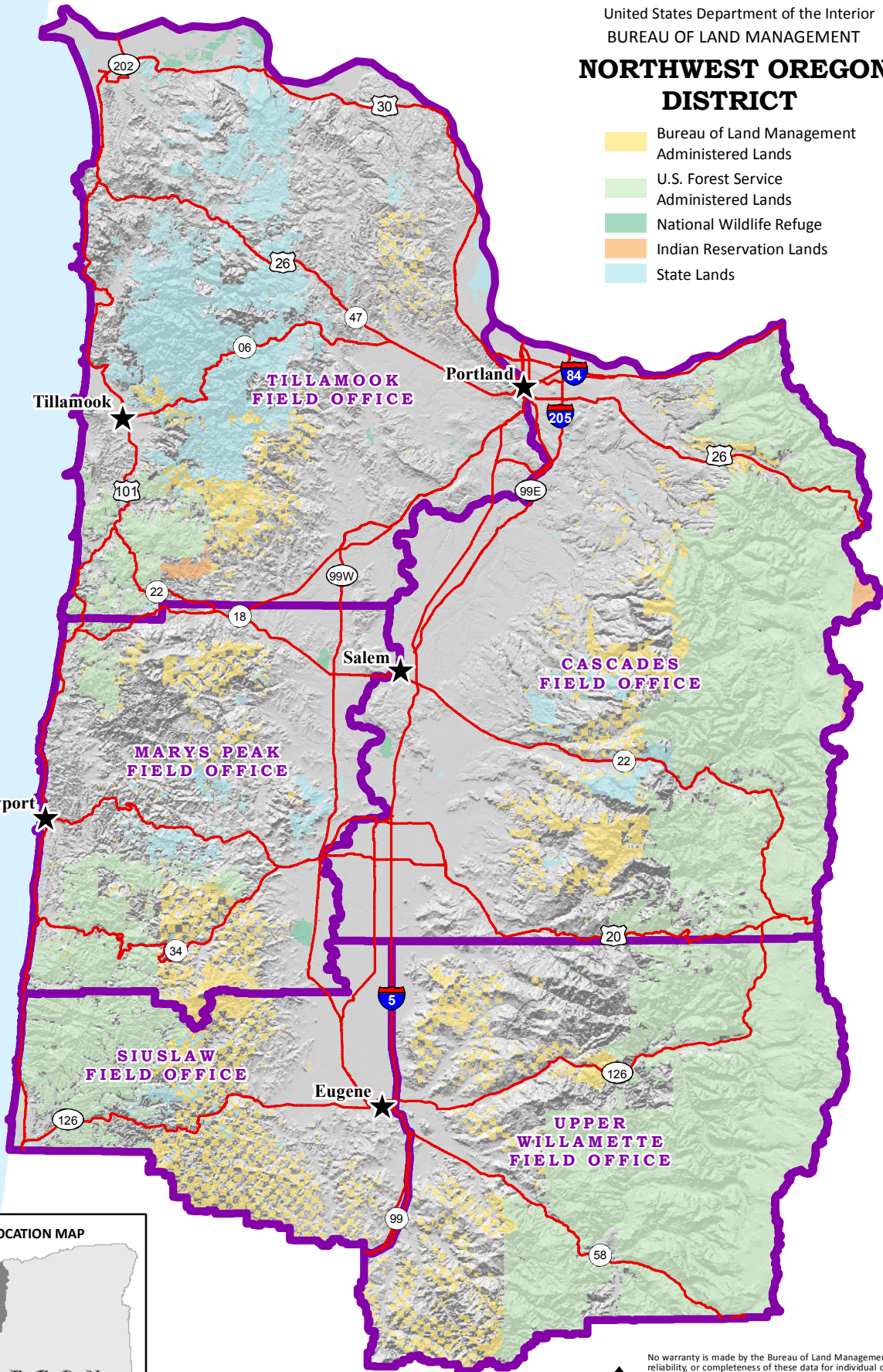


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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT

- Bureau of Land Management Administered Lands
- U.S. Forest Service Administered Lands
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Indian Reservation Lands
- State Lands

Pacific Ocean



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Bureau of Land Management – Northwest Oregon District Elected Officials Semi Annual Update November 2017

Welcome to the 2017 Fall issue of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Northwest Oregon District Elected Officials Update. Significant updates include:

- **Continued Implementation of the Western Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** The RMP determines how the BLM manages 2.5 million acres of land to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species, provide for clean water, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, produce a sustained yield of timber products, coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe, and provide for recreation opportunities. These lands provide numerous multiple use benefits across a “checkerboard” pattern of federal lands. The RMP is available at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>.
- **Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC):**
The Northwest Oregon RAC met three times in fiscal year 2017, achieving review and allocation of 2015 Title II funding for Secure Rural Schools projects in 10 counties in northwest Oregon.
- **Northwest Oregon District Timber Target for FY2017:** The District successfully offered and defended all timber sales this fiscal year. The 2017 timber program auctioned and sold 23 sales across 4,128 acres; totaling 108 million board feet (MMBF).

The following pages include updates from each of the Field Offices regarding projects and activities that you may find of interest.

You are always welcome to visit District lands with us, we would be happy to arrange tours at your request. If you have questions or would like more information, contact our Public Affairs Officer Jennifer Velez at (541) 222-9241 or jvelez@blm.gov.

Jose L. Linares
Northwest Oregon District Manager

Northwest Oregon RAC

The Northwest Oregon RAC covers BLM lands in Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Benton, Linn, Lane and Douglas Counties. The Northwest Oregon District coastal lands in Clatsop, Tillamook and Lincoln Counties are included in the Coastal Oregon RAC for which BLM's Coos Bay District is the lead.

RAC members serve staggered terms and represent interests in three categories. Members of the Northwest Oregon RAC are:

- Mike W. Ripley, IMBA Team Dirt, commercial recreation, Monroe, OR
- Peter Giordano, Blue Sky River Outfitters, commercial recreation, Portland, OR (term expired August 2017)
- David Schmidt, Small Forest Owner, commercial timber interests, Albany, OR (term expired August 2017)
- Jeremiah Price, Jeep Club, commercial recreation, Springfield, OR
- James A. Dundon, Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, national environmental org., Salem, OR
- John Atkins, Jr., Pres., Molalla River Alliance, local environmental org., Portland, OR
- Glen Crinklaw, Columbia County Parks, dispersed recreation, St. Helens, OR (term expired August 2017)
- Lon Otterby, Native Plant Society, national environmental org., Marcola, OR
- Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner, elected official, Dallas, OR (term expired August 2017)
- William Tucker, Linn County Commissioner, elected official, Albany, OR
- Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner, elected official, Corvallis, OR
- Jerry J Bailey, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, tribal rep., Grand Ronde, OR (term expired August 2017)
- Ron Price, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, dispersed recreation, Portland, OR
- Deborah Porter, USDA National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps, public-at-large, Gresham, OR
- John Omlin, Valley Powersports, dispersed recreation, Eugene, OR



Northwest Oregon RAC.

Cascades Field Office

John Huston, Field Manager; 503-315-5969

Counties: Clackamas (74,254 acres), Multnomah (3,601 acres), Marion (21,001 acres), Linn (71,366)

Little North Santiam River Habitat Restoration

In late summer 2017, the Field Office hydrologist and fisheries biologist worked with a contractor to construct a large fish habitat structure on the banks of the Little North Santiam River at the confluence of Sinker Creek utilizing trees from BLM lands. The Little North Santiam River, located in Marion County, is designated critical habitat for both Upper Willamette River steelhead trout and spring Chinook salmon, both listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Historical land use practices within the watershed removed large wood from the channel and floodplain, as well as streamside trees, resulting in a wide and shallow river channel with loss of connectivity to floodplains and side channels. Salmon and steelhead rear in the main channel of the river, but large wood levels are low and as a result, the river lacks complex habitat, such as scour pools and wood cover, for juvenile rearing.



Location of the fish habitat structure on the Little North Santiam River.

Structure construction was completed in September 2017. The structure size is unique to the location, and from the base of the wood to the top of the structure is over 20 feet tall. Approximately 49 whole trees with an average diameter at breast height of 22 inches and up to 150 feet in length were utilized in the structure. The structure is purposefully designed to appear chaotic to emulate the appearance of natural wood jams in the region. The project is intended to provide quality pool habitat for juvenile fish rearing and demonstrate the utility of these types of structures for the recovery of listed species.



Fish habitat structure during construction.

Salmon River Habitat Restoration

In summer 2017, BLM, in partnership with the Sandy River Basin Partners, continued efforts to restore salmon and steelhead habitat on the lower Salmon River. The Sandy River Basin Partners constructed five wood jams on the main channel of the Salmon River to increase habitat complexity, recruit and retain spawning gravels, and increase access to floodplains and off-channel habitats. In addition, the BLM and Sandy River Basin Partners also restored river flows to side channel and alcove habitat, constructed two additional wood jams in these habitat areas, and restored juvenile steelhead rearing habitat and cover. In total, approximately 0.35 miles of main channel habitat and 0.25 miles of side channel habitat were restored in 2017.



Before (left) and after (right) of Salmon River with completed wood jam structure.

Since 2010, the BLM and The Freshwater Trust (TFT) have spearheaded fish habitat restoration, including the construction of 38 main-channel and 20 side-channel wood jams to reconnect river flows to off-channel habitat, such as side channels, alcoves, and beaver ponds, and restored 28 acres of floodplain habitat.

From 2012 to 2016, the number of native winter steelhead spawning in the lower Salmon River increased by 400%. During that time, the number of steelhead returning to the upper basin has been three to five times that of the 10 year average leading up to their listing as threatened on the Endangered and Threatened Species list in 1998. Spring Chinook spawning, almost entirely all wild fish, in 2016 was greater than 200% of the long-term average for the lower Salmon River, and represents the second year in a row of spring Chinook spawning numbers exceeding the long-term average by greater than 150%.

On May 24, 2017, BLM and TFT accepted the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society Riparian Challenge Award on behalf of the Sandy River Basin Partners for restoration efforts on the Salmon River.

Recreation Updates

A parking area expansion and facilities upgrade is underway at the **Sandy Ridge Trail System**. The current parking area is not large enough to accommodate the amount of visitors to the site, which is creating a safety hazard along Barlow Trail Road. In August, the BLM signed the Decision Record for the Sandy Ridge Trailhead Access Improvements project, which involves expanding the existing parking area in order to increase capacity from 36 standard spaces to 155 standard spaces. Additional facilities are being constructed, including an additional vault restroom, a beginner level mountain bicycle skills course, a formal events area, and a bicycle hub structure comprised of a bus stop, changing room, and bicycle wash station.

Some dispersed camping sites along the **Quartzville Recreation Corridor** were closed this spring. These BLM dispersed sites were located on private land and were maintained through agreements with the private landowner. However, in 2017 the land was purchased and the new owner no longer wanted dispersed camping on their property. Although the sites are now closed, group camping is still available at the Old Miner's Meadow Recreation Site. BLM re-aligned the entrance gate to the Old Miner's Meadow site in July 2017 in order to better facilitate traffic from the Quartzville Access Road.

In 2016, Marion County was awarded a Title II Secure Rural Schools grant to make improvements to **North Fork Park** located along the Little North Fork Santiam River. North Fork Park is jointly owned by Marion County and the BLM and is managed by Marion County under a Federal Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) lease. The Cascades Field Office, in coordination with Marion County, completed an amendment to the R&PP Lease for the North Fork Park. The Environmental Assessment, which was completed in May 2017, included expanding and paving the existing parking area, paving existing trails to make them accessible to all park users, and installing additional signage and kiosks. Marion County completed the expansion and paving of the existing parking area in late spring 2017, just in time for the busy summer season.



Completed paved parking area at the North Fork Park.

Beaver Relocation

The BLM recently completed relocation of beavers from private lands in the Willamette Valley to Crabtree Outstanding Natural Area/Research Natural Area (ONA/RNA), which has historically contained beaver habitat. The goal of the relocation is to use beavers as a method to assist in restoring fish and wildlife habitat by improving riparian/wetland areas and stream function while preventing further meadow encroachment by conifers. Plant communities in the Crabtree ONA/RNA complex are all dependent on ecological conditions created by high water tables resulting from beaver dams. The BLM worked directly with six federal and local agencies and groups to coordinate trapping and release of the beavers, including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Yakima Nation Wildlife Resource Management, and Marion County Parks and Recreation. The BLM plans to continue to coordinate with ODFW on future beaver relocation projects as they become available.



Beavers waiting to be released in the Crabtree ONA/RNA.

Lands and Water Conservation Fund Acquisitions

The BLM continues to coordinate with Clackamas County and Western Rivers Conservancy in order to acquire lands within the Sandy River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in Clackamas County. The Sandy River ACEC is an important area for recreation, fisheries, and wildlife resources. Multiple threatened salmonid species, including Lower Columbia Chinook and Coho salmon and Steelhead use Sandy River for spawning and rearing, and nearby forest stands contain prime habitat for the threatened northern spotted owl. Numerous projects designed to improve accessibility, enhance, and restore habitat for listed species have been undertaken by BLM and its partners on and adjacent to recently acquired parcels within the ACEC. The BLM recently acquired the North Boulder Creek parcel, located in Township 2 South, Range 6 East, Section 24, Willamette Meridian, in September 2017. The parcel contains 186 acres of forested land and includes over a mile of mountain bicycle trails within the Sandy Ridge Trail System. The property is located within the federally designated Salmon River Wild and Scenic River Corridor and the Sandy River/Oregon National Historic Trail Land. During this fiscal year the BLM also acquired the Schmidt Property parcel, which includes approximately 120 acres west of the North Boulder Creek parcel. Since the Sandy River acquisition project began in 2001, the BLM has acquired 21 parcels totaling approximately 3,150 acres.

Marys Peak Field Office

Paul Tigan, Field Manager – 503-315-5968

Counties: Polk (40,114 acres), Benton (57,845 acres), Lincoln (20,175 acres)

Timber Sales & Management

The Field Office maintains an active portfolio of ongoing timber sales and planned offerings for Fiscal Year 2017. Active timber sales in Polk County include the Rowell Creek Timber Sale (13.7 MMBF), Cedar Ridge Timber Sale (6.2 MMBF), Gilmore Timber Sale (3.6 MMBF), C9 Timber Sale (5.9 MMBF), Blue Mule Timber Sale (5.6 MMBF), and the Rick-Line Timber Sale (9.7 MMBF). In Benton County, our active sales include the Rainbow Ridge Timber Sale (3.8 MMBF), South Beaver Timber Sale (2.3 MMBF), and the Fall-Cole Timber Sale (717 MBF) in Benton County. The Field Office anticipates selling two Benton County Timber Sales in fiscal year 2018.

Wild Goose Timber Sale EA & Gooseneck RAMP

The Field Office released a public scoping notice for its first Environmental Analysis for timber sales under the new Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Resource Management Plan. The project area, known as Wild Goose, will provide the NEPA analysis for timber sales between 2019 and 2022. This planning area is entirely within the boundaries of the Gooseneck Extensive Recreation Management Area, which has been the subject of public interest as use in the area increases. The Gooseneck is a publicly accessible area of approximately 7,000 acres of land northwest of Dallas, about 45 minutes from Salem. The public scoping period, which ran through October 15, welcomed input from the public on the proposed timber sale analysis, as well as any other related issues to management of the area. It is likely that the Field Office will begin a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Gooseneck and Mill Creek areas during the coming year.

Yaquina Head Announces New Internship Program with Northwest Youth Corps

The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is excited to kick-off a new educational internship program in spring of 2018 with the Northwest Youth Corps. This internship will provide four college students or recent graduates with the ability to hone their environmental and historic interpretation skills at one of the Oregon coasts' premier destinations. As visitation to the site continues to increase, and staff ready the release of the draft Recreation Area Management Plan, we are looking for more ways to meet the educational component of the site's designation and mission. This internship will give students the ability to work alongside some of the best interpreters the BLM has to offer.



NCLS sign for Yaquina Head ONA.

Marys Peak Hosted a Safe and Exciting Great American Eclipse

The entire boundary of the Marys Peak Field Office, including Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, was in the *Path of Totality* for the August 21, 2017 total solar eclipse. The remarkable cosmic event presented challenges for serving the public from a visitation and public safety perspective. Field Office and District staff worked diligently during the planning and implementation phases of the eclipse, making meaningful connections with our partners across the landscape to ensure a safe experience. While there were fewer visitors to public lands than anticipated, we were proud of our preparations and state of the public lands following the event. Many patrols found dispersed campsites to be in better condition at the end of the eclipse than prior to the event.

Marys Peak Supports a Wild Season of Wildfires

The Field Office provided considerable support to local, regional, and national wildfire suppression efforts this summer, sending up to a quarter of its staffing to fight wildfires across the West. Many BLM employees developed qualifications to participate in wildland firefighting activities, from entry level firefighting to logistical and leadership support positions at incident command posts.

Siuslaw Field Office

Cheryl Adcock, Field Manager; 541-683-6145

Counties: Lane (147,643 acres), Benton (219 acres) and Douglas (14,500 acres)

Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety EIS

In July 2012, the BLM completed a Comprehensive Dam Evaluation (CDE) on the dam and spillway at Hult Reservoir, which found eleven potential failure modes presenting unacceptable high risks for dam failure, five of which warrant expedited action to address. The Siuslaw Field Office has begun internal scoping and some initial external scoping. More extensive external scoping, and public meetings will be launched in Winter of 2017. Additionally the Field Office has contracted with the Corps of Engineers in Portland to conduct additional evaluations to determine mitigation measures for dam safety. Those evaluations began October 2017.



Hult Reservoir.

Final Supplementary Rule for restriction of alcohol use in the Lower Lake Creek Falls Special Recreation Management Area

This action would put the final rule in place for an alcohol ban at the Lower Lake Creek Falls Special Recreation Management Area that included the Lower Lake Creek Falls Rock Slides. The rockslides are a popular recreation area within the Field Office, seeing hundreds of visitors per day in the summer. The slide, while popular, is also dangerous, with people sliding down the river over solid bedrock. The alcohol ban will help keep the area as safe as possible.



Lower Lake Creek Falls.

Letz Ride EA

Planning for this thinning project is ongoing. Scoping and public meetings have been completed. This document was posted to ePlanning for a 30 day public comment period on April 14, 2017. Comments have been received and the specialists are working on responses to them. The project overlaps the Carpenter Bypass trail system, and the project follows Matrix (Connectivity) and Riparian Reserve management direction from the 1995 Eugene Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan.



Winter event at Carpenter Bypass Trailhead.

West Eugene Wetlands Stewart Pond Disc Golf and Trail Construction

Project implementation is ongoing and a Determination of NEPA Adequacy for phase II was signed on July 28, 2017. This phase of the project will improve accessibility at the disc golf course and allow for expansion to connect with City of Eugene trails, creating a more comprehensive trail system.

Tillamook Field Office

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Counties: Tillamook (48,468 acres), Columbia (10,842 acres), Washington (11,527 acres), Yamhill (32,590 acres), Clatsop (39 acres)

Panther Creek Timber Management Project

The Field Office is developing a timber management project within the Panther Creek 6th field sub watershed (North Yamhill River 5th field watershed). The proposed project would consist of regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, and density management on approximately 820 acres within the Moderate Intensity Timber Area and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. Stands to be harvested range in age from 40 to 119 years old and are composed of primarily Douglas-fir, though some portions of the proposed stands are dominated by hardwoods (red alder and bigleaf maple) and would be targeted for stand conversion. Connected actions would include road construction, renovation, and maintenance and culvert replacement. An interdisciplinary team will begin an environmental assessment in the fall of 2017.

Nestucca National Back Country Byway Project

The project is located on 41 miles of BLM controlled Nestucca, Bald Mountain and Bible Creek access roads in Tillamook and Yamhill Counties. It includes paving and widening 2.6 miles of the Nestucca Access Road; replacing undersized and/or failing culverts; installing additional cross-drain culverts; chip sealing paved road segments; repainting fog lines and center lines; repairing multiple road slump areas; paving several existing turnouts and constructing additional paved turnouts or strategically widening identified stretches along Bible Creek and Bald Mountain Access Roads; installing traffic and informational signs; and rehabilitating an old asphalt waste site into a day use area along the river. A decision and Finding of No Significant Impact were issued in February 2017, and no appeals were filed. Phases I-III will be implemented through an agreement with the Federal Highways Administration, and all phases of the project will be implemented over the course of approximately 8 years, starting in the Spring of 2018. The project will be funded through a variety of sources including the BLM's Deferred Maintenance funds, Western Oregon Transportation and Facilities Operation and Annual Maintenance funds, Western Oregon Recreation Management funds, Western Oregon Forest Management funds, and primarily by Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) funds.



Nestucca Back Country Byway Road Network.

Upper Willamette Field Office

Bill O’Sullivan, Field Manager; 541-683-6287

Counties: Lane (140,592 acres), Linn (87,084 acres)

McKenzie View Timber Sale EA

The Field Office continues to prepare the McKenzie View EA, which includes two commercial thinning sales totaling approximately 19 MMBF. The area is located about 3 miles east of Vida, OR.

Row River Timber Sale EA

The Field Office continues to prepare the Row River EA, which includes six timber sales totaling approximately 36.5 MMBF through a combination of thinning and regeneration harvest.

Thurston Hills Non-Motorized Trails and Forest Management EA

The Field Office has begun developing proposed action alternatives for this trail development project within the Willamalane Extensive Recreation Area (ERMA) and Harvest Land Base. The project proposes mountain biking and hiking trails offering a range of recreational experiences, as well as sustainable yield timber management, and fuels reduction activities. A well-attended public meeting was held on April 13 in collaboration with the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District. The field office will continue to actively engage the local community in this multi-use project through ongoing workshops.



Thurston Hills public meeting, Spring 2017.

Shotcash Timber Sale EA

The Field Office has begun pre-planning for the Shotcash EA, which is anticipated to include three timber sales. BLM has conducted archaeological surveys, plant surveys, surveys for Northern Spotted Owl, stand exams, and stream surveys.

Smith Creek Restoration Project

BLM continues work with Weyerhaeuser and the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council to complete the project. BLM finished the placement of approximately 100 trees in a ½ mile stretch of Smith creek, located near Dorena reservoir in late summer, 2017. Weyerhaeuser is replacing two culverts with bridges that are currently under construction with work scheduled to be completed in early October 2017.



Log placement in Smith Creek.

BLM Northwest Oregon District Background Information

The Northwest Oregon District manages 800,578 acres of public land spread across fourteen counties in northwestern Oregon. These lands are managed for timber production, recreation, special forest products, wildlife and much more. Sightseeing, camping, hiking, boating, hunting, fishing, cutting fire wood, and collecting mushrooms are just a few of the activities Oregonians enjoy on Northwest Oregon BLM lands. Approximately 78% of Oregon's population lives within the boundaries of the District posing urban interface challenges and opportunities.

Some of the more well-known recreation sites in the Northwest Oregon District available for public enjoyment include: Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, (north of Newport), the Molalla River Recreation Area and Table Rock Wilderness, (northeast of the City of Molalla), the Sandy Ridge Mountain Bike Trail System and Cascade Streamwatch at Wildwood Recreation Site, (off Hwy 26 west of Mt. Hood), the Shotgun Creek OHV Trail system, the West Eugene Wetlands, and the new Alsea Falls Trail System southwest of Corvallis.

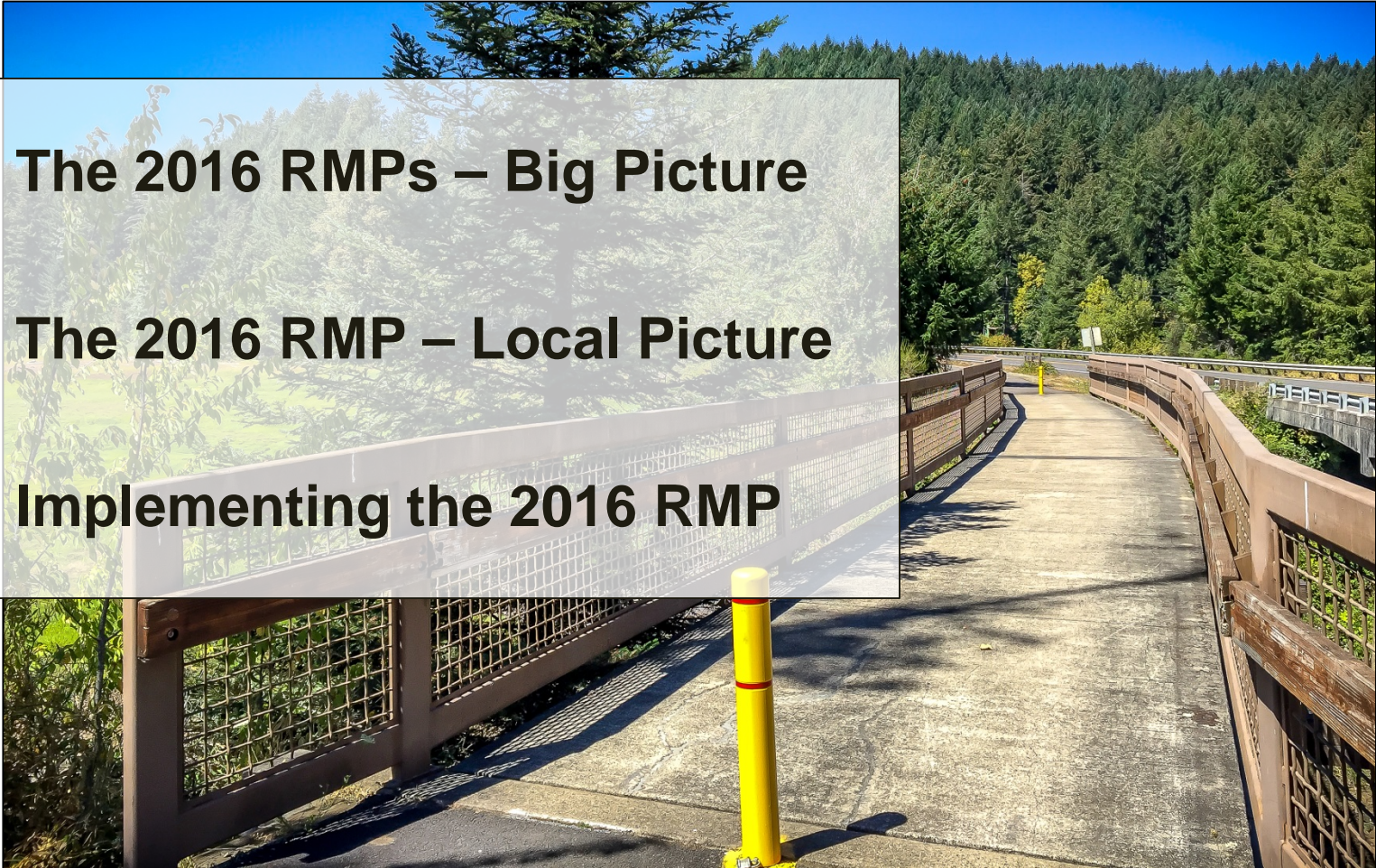
Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon

Presentation for the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
March 16, 2017

Panchita Paulete – Oregon State Office Planning & Environmental Coordinator

Presentation Topics

- **The 2016 RMPs – Big Picture**
- **The 2016 RMP – Local Picture**
- **Implementing the 2016 RMP**



Row River Trail, Upper Willamette Field Office. BLM Flickr.

2016 RMPs – Big Picture

BACKGROUND

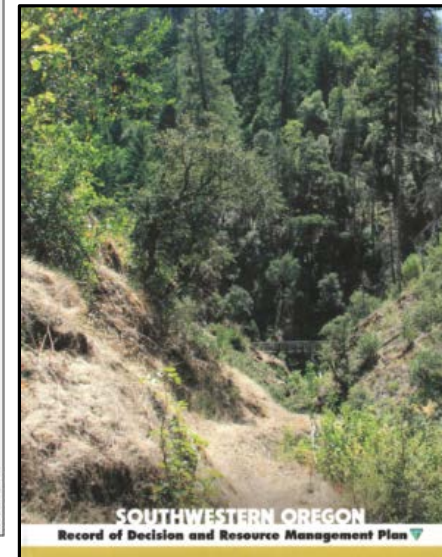
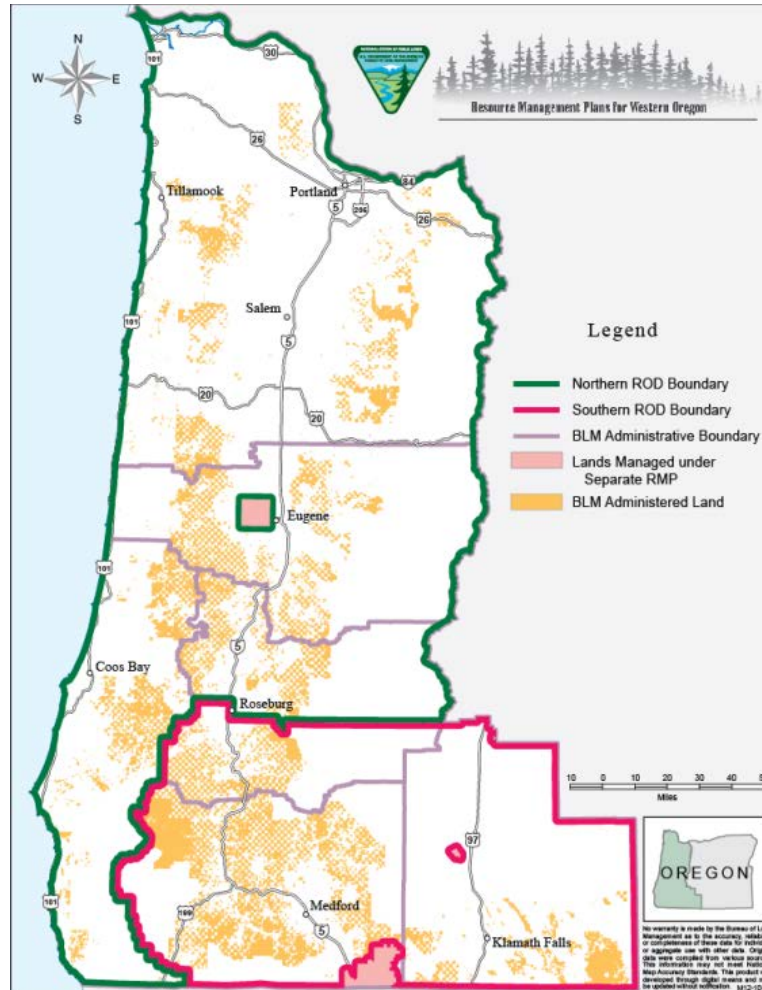


On August 5, 2016, the BLM signed the Records of Decision for the Resource Management Plans of Western Oregon

BLM Deputy Director Steve Ellis signing the Record of Decision.

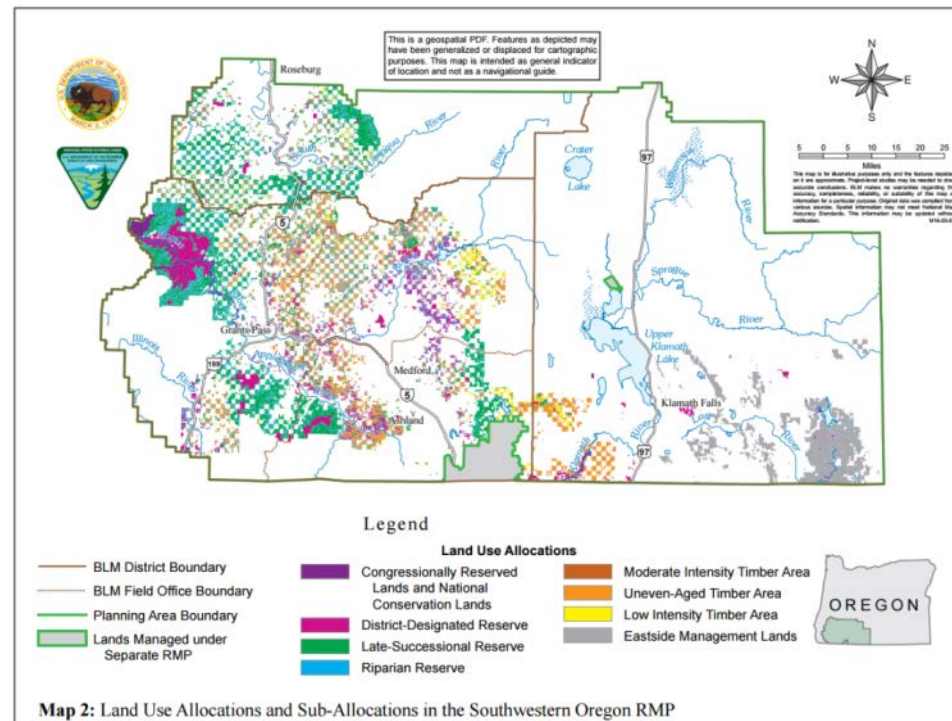
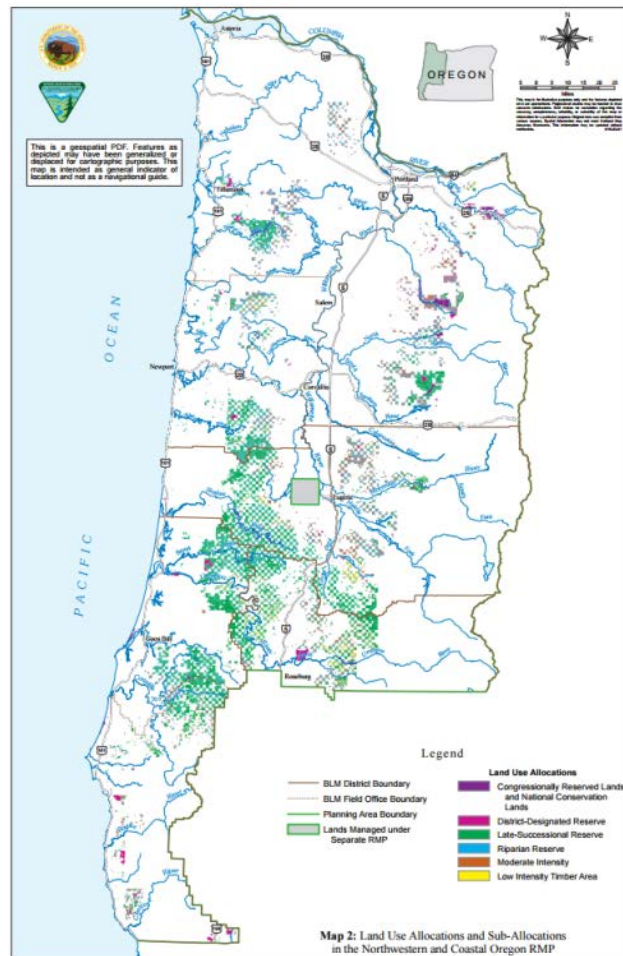
2016 RMPs – Big Picture

RECORDS OF DECISION



2016 RMPs – Big Picture

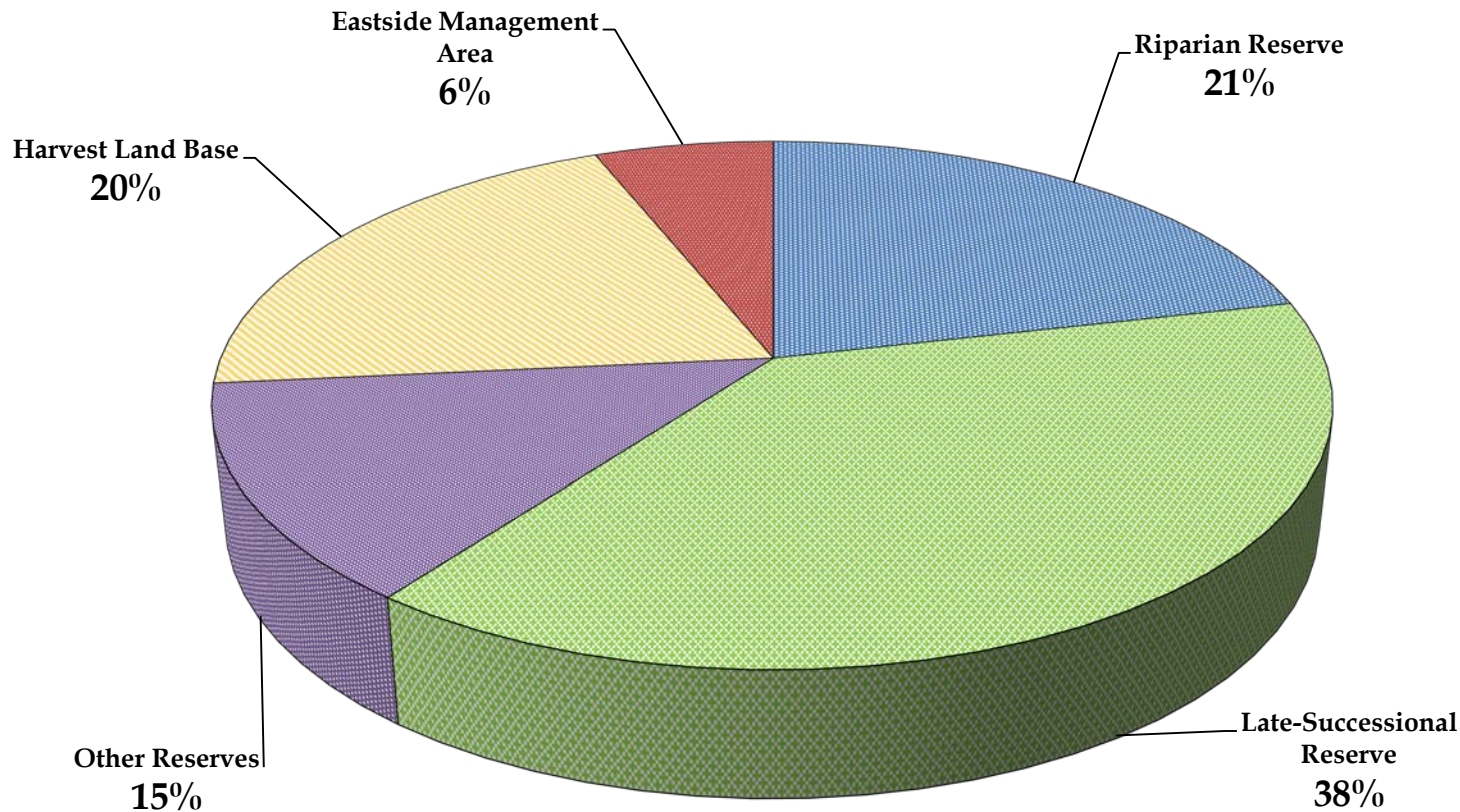
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2016 RMPs – Big Picture

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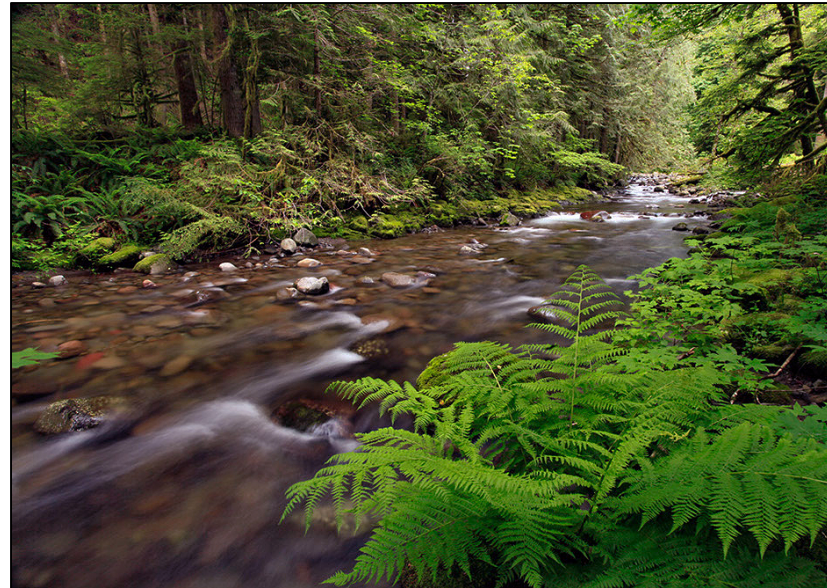
Approved RMPs Land Use Allocations



2016 RMPs – Big Picture

PLAN COMPONENTS – MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

“ ... descriptions of desired outcomes for BLM-administered lands and resources in an RMP ... ”



Sandy River. BLM flickr.

“ ... not rules, restrictions, or requirements by which the BLM determines which implementation actions to conduct or how to design specific implementation actions.”

2016 RMPs – Big Picture

PLAN COMPONENTS – MANAGEMENT DIRECTION

“ ... identifies where future actions may or may not be allowed and what restrictions or requirements may be placed on those future actions to achieve the objectives set for the BLM-administered lands and resources.”



Employees conducting field surveys. BLM flickr.

2016 RMPs – Big Picture

OUTCOMES OVERVIEW

- **More** land in reserves to protect northern spotted owl and other endangered species
- **More** timber harvest
- **More** recreation opportunities
- **More** focused protections for fish and water
- **More** net carbon storage

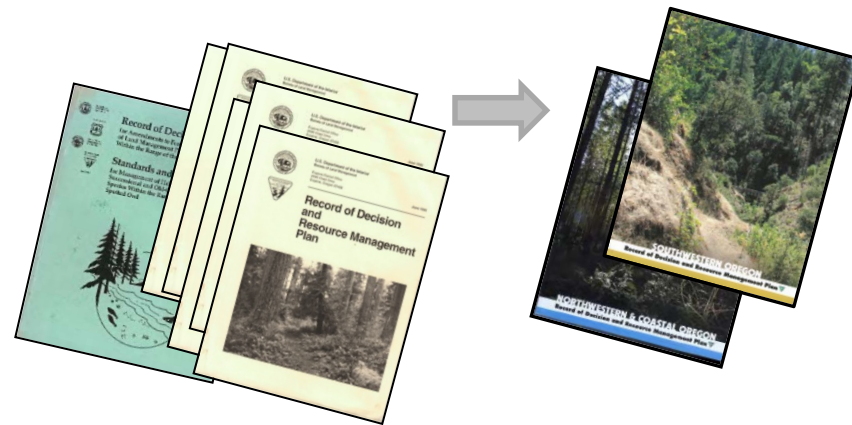


Northern spotted owl. BLM flickr.

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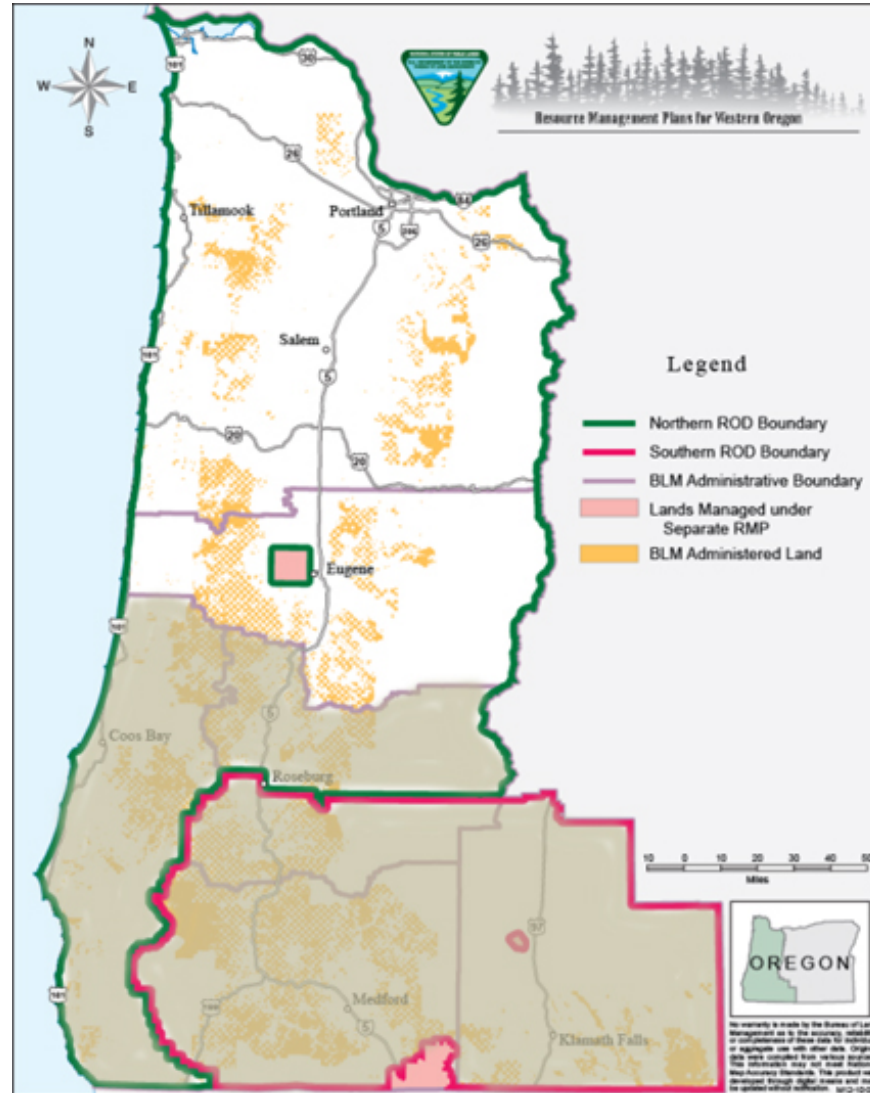
TRANSITIONING FROM THE 1995 RMPs

- The new RMPs were effective immediately from the signing of the Records of Decision, including all new management direction, Recreation Management Areas, ACEC boundaries, and Land Use Allocations.
- The ROD allows a two-year time frame for project transition.



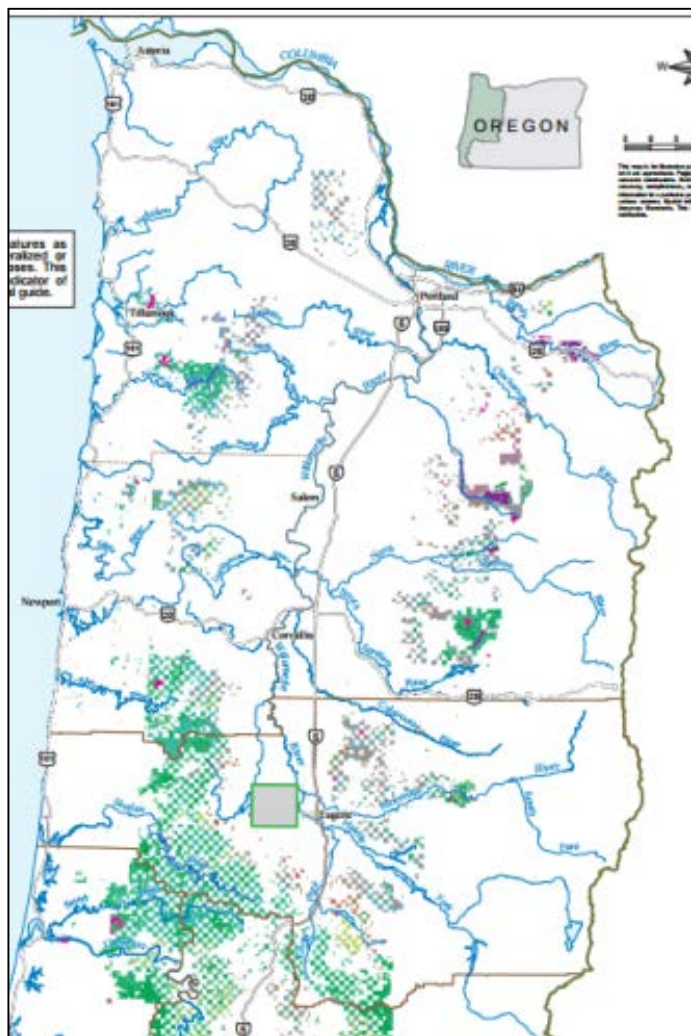
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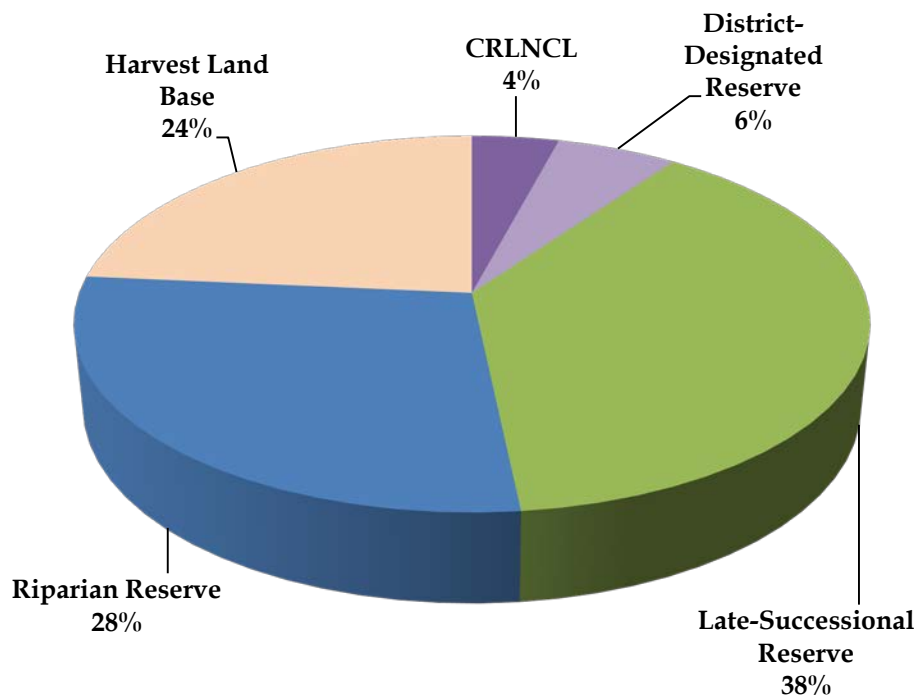


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NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT LAND USE ALLOCATIONS



Northwest Oregon District Land Use Allocations

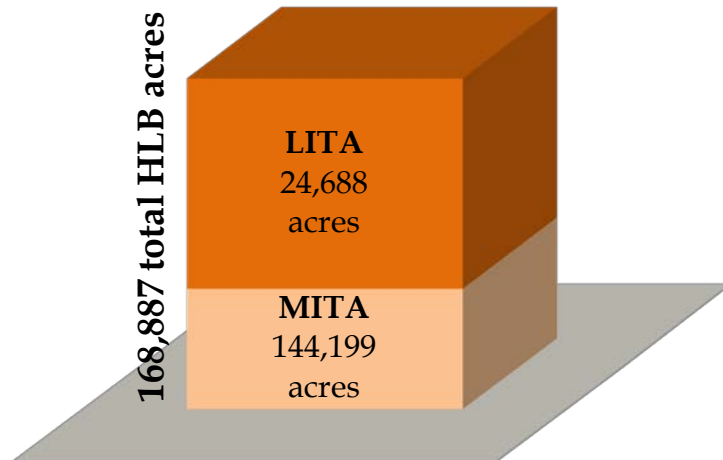


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NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Sustained-Yield Unit	Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ)	Predicted Non-ASQ Volume	Predicted Total Volume
Salem	65	12	77
Eugene	53	20	73
NOD Total	118	32	150

Northwest Oregon District Harvest Land Base Acres



Gordon Creek Timber Sale, Cascades Field Office. BLM flickr.

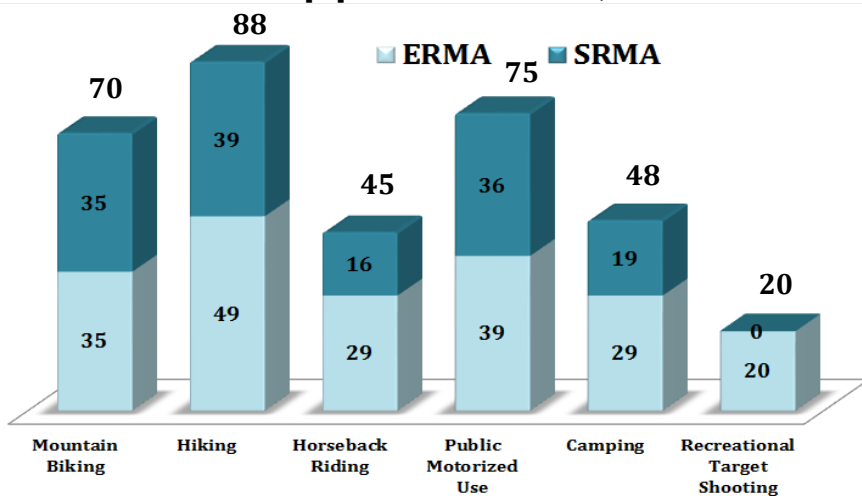


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NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Northwest Oregon District	SRMAs	ERMAs	Total RMAs
Acres Designated	11,884	98,715	110,599
Number Designated	48	59	101

Northwest Oregon District Recreation Opportunities (RMA Count)



Sandy Ridge Mountain Bike Trail System. BLM flickr.

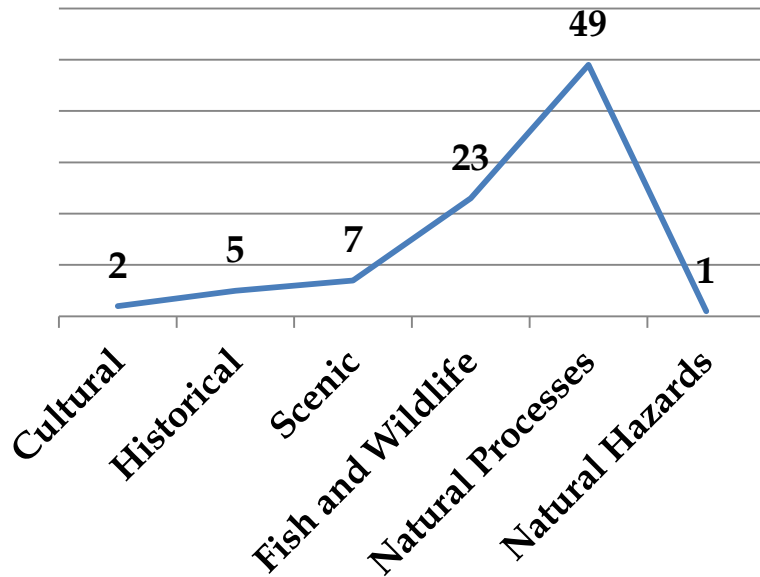


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NORTHWEST OREGON DISTRICT SPECIAL AREAS MANAGEMENT

Northwest Oregon District	Wilderness /WSA	WSRs	Designated ACECs	Managed LWCs	Other Congressional Designations
Acres	5,864	17,978	47,260	2,515	5,884
Number	2	14	50	9	3

Northwest Oregon District R&I Values (ACEC Count)



Yaquina Head Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. BLM flickr.

Implementing the 2016 RMP

TRANSITIONING

- The revision of a RMP necessarily involves a transition period to avoid disrupting BLM's ability to manage the land and allow for projects that had been initiated and developed under the old RMP to be able to continue.
- The Northwest Oregon District is actively transitioning to be implementing the full spectrum of management actions from the 2016 RMP.

Implementing the 2016 RMP

IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS

- On-the-ground projects will undergo additional analysis and decision-making before the BLM implements them, and will continue to provide opportunities for the public to stay engaged with the work.

Implementing the 2016 RMP

IMPLEMENTING THE 2016 RMP

- The BLM recognizes limitations to being able to fully implement all elements of a new RMP everywhere immediately.
- The District is currently undergoing an implementation planning effort focused on identifying tasks within a 5-year timeframe to develop a strategic outlook of which projects the BLM could do, and when and where they could be done.

Thank You!

Questions ?