

General Discussion: March 10, 2016

2:00 p.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Cheryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Terri Wharton, Recorder

Chair Cheryl Walker called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Update (Bollschweiler)

Allen Bollschweiler, BLM Field Manager and Leah Schofield, BLM Assistant Field Manager distributed **Exhibit A – Grants Pass Field Office Planning Update** and discussed it with the Board.

Allen discussed Bear Camp Road stating that on the BLM's side the road is a forest service road which is the reason for the gate being locked during the winter. Once you get to the top of the road all of the portion on the other side is used as an east/west corridor and he felt it was a poor designation and should be designated as a state road.

Commissioner Hare gave Allen a letter regarding decommissioned roads and Allen said he would provide a formal response at the next meeting with the Board. Commissioner Hare discussed Sudden Oak Death and Allen advised BLM is monitoring the situation. Commissioner Hare explained to Allen that the Board would like to be provided an opportunity to be at the table and involved as much as possible with BLM.

The Board thanked Allen and Leah for the comprehensive report.

2. Other (ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

Nothing reported.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Grants Pass Field Office Planning Update

EXHIBIT A
General Discussion
3/10/16

To: Josephine County Board of Commissioners
From: Allen Bollschweiler, Grants Pass Field Manager
Subject: Grants Pass Field Office Planning Update
Date: March 10, 2016

Proposed RMP

- Spring 2016 – Publish Final EIS/Protest Period, Governors Consistency Review, Resolution
- Summer 2016 – Record of Decision and Protest Period

Timber Sale Projects (see handout for full sale plan)

- **Reeves Creek Salvage Sale** (Josephine) – 50 acres, offered twice went no bid both times. Area being used for firewood. Much of the burned area has been planted. Some of it was replanted in the spring of 2016 due to unacceptable seedling mortality (of 2015 planting). Some planting still to be done this year.
- **Wee Willy Stewardship Sale** (Josephine) – Preparing Stewardship contract on activities authorized in the Williams IVM Project. Administrative remedies exhausted. Potential for 3 total stewardship sales from this project in the next 1-3 years.
- **East West Junction Timber Sale** (Josephine) – Under protest by KS Wild and Gregory Bennett. Modifying contract to eliminate access issue, working to entertain resolution of protest.
- **Lower Grave Timber Sale** (Josephine) – Under protest by KS Wild, responding to protests. Regeneration harvest and permanent road building. Expecting an appeal upon protest decision.
- **Upper Cow Late Successional Reserve EA** (Douglas) – Proposal to thin 1,375 acres. 30 day EA comment period ending March 10. In consultation with FWS. Anticipating Biological Opinion in May 2016 to offer in the 4th quarter of 2016.
- **Cold Elk Forest Management EA** (Douglas, Curry) – 30 day public scoping period occurred in January. Environmental Analysis in occurring, EA will be published this summer. In consultation with FWS. Anticipated Biological Opinion in August to offer in the 4th quarter of 2016.
- **Pickett West out-year planning** (Josephine) – Initial stages of planning – looking at potential units in the Lower Applegate, Hellgate – Rogue River and Deer Creek 5th field watersheds.

Mining and Minerals

- **Stray Dog Plan of Operations** – Preparing Environmental Assessment to analyze effects of placer mining alluvial material for gold on raised terraces adjacent to North Fork Galice on the Stray Dog mining claim.
- **Crooks Creek and Limestone Caves Mineral Withdrawal** – 30 day EA comment period will occur this spring. Proposal is to withdraw 3,680.29 acres for 20 years from mineral location and entry under U.S. mining laws. No existing or historic claims exist within the proposed boundary, identified as low mineral potential. Withdrawal is to protect geological, fisheries, and wildlife resources within the Crooks Creek Fisheries and Limestone Caves area. Both areas are geographically disconnected and located in the Illinois River Valley.

- **Joint Forest Service and BLM Mineral Withdrawal** – Proposal is to withdraw 95,806 acres of National Forest System Lands and 5,216 acres of BLM lands on Medford and Coos Bay Districts for 5 years from mineral location and entry under U.S. mining laws. The segregation and withdrawal is in aid of legislation that Congress is currently considering: Senate Bill 346 and House Resolution 682, the “Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015.” Federal Register Comment Period published in June 2015. Scoping scheduled to start in March 2016.

Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

- Resource Area has new Resource Advisory Council, established in 2015. New member applications will be out soon to participate on Council.

Title II Projects

- See handout for funded 2016 Title II Projects.
- Title II Project application opportunity coming up for 2017 funds.

Recreation

- Special Recreation Permits
 - Limestone Challenge – Endurance ride, planned for June
 - Tour De Fronds Cruiser Century Loop – Endurance ride, planned for June
 - Wild Rogue Relay – Endurance run, planned for June
 - Cycle Oregon – Planned for September. 7 day multi district permit across multiple west side BLM districts
 - Boatnik Hydroplane races – Boat races

Silviculture/Fuels

- Planting approximately 550 acres currently under contract in the area burned by the Big Windy Fire. This is the second year of planting here. Currently snow limits access so planting efforts have been focused elsewhere. ~307,000 seedlings available for planting here.
- Brushing and fuels treatments are planned for this year.
- Two planting crews working on Douglas Fire. Focusing on areas that were salvage logged and burned plantations.

Natural Resources

- Powell Creek – In stream log placement project to improve fish habitat
- West Fork Cow Creek Restoration – In stream log placement project to improve fish habitat
- Post-fire fungi study within the Douglas fire perimeter to learn how fungi responds post fire and post salvage operations
- Floyd Ditch ROW – working with ODFW and ditch associated to maintain fish passage screens
- Northern Spotted Owl Demography study – ongoing NSO surveys

**GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
2016 TIMBER SALE PLAN**

ACTIVE SALES:

Sale Name	Purchaser	Sold	Legal	Status
London Peak 1196 mbf 97 acres	Murphy Company	12/12	T33S, R6W, Sec. 27, 34	London Peak area. Sale to re-start up this spring.
Elk Valley Roadside 638mbf 74ac	Oregon Chipping & Logging	5/11	T31S, R8W, Sec. 7, 17, 19, 29, 31, 33 T31S, R9W, Sec. 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25, 35,	Logging is done. Clean-up may start again soon
Regor Thin 96mbf 70ac	Boise Cascade	6/11	T33S, R8W, Sec. 1, 12	Next to Mount Rueben. Sale to start up in June
Cheney Slate 1,257mbf 140ac	Boise Cascade	8/11	T37S, R7W, Sec. 29, 31, 33 T38S, R7W, Sec 3, 7, 11	Cheney and Savage Creeks. Sale to re-start up this spring.
Rogue Cow 8,821 mbf 339 acres	Boise Cascade	7/14	T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 7, Sec. 9, Sec.17, Sec.19, Sec. 23, Sec. 27, T. 32 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 3, Sec. 11, Sec.12, Sec. 13, Sec. 14, Sec.15, Sec.23, Sec. 25, Sec. 27, Sec. 35,	Logging done, contract Mod to complete
Burnt Rattler 9,463mbf 389 acres	Rough & Ready	7/14	T. 33 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 10, Sec. 11; Sec. 13, Sec. 14; Sec. 15; Sec. 23; Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 27	Logging done. Working with tribes to close out sale
Speaking Coyote 6,928 mbf 446 acres	Rough & Ready	9/12	T33S, R5W, Sec 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30	Coyote Creek and Speaker Road area. Sale inactive now, may start up again this June.
Williams Thin 2,381 mbf 149 acres	Boise Cascade	6/13	T39S, R6W, Sec. 1, 3, 23, 24, 25, 31	Williams area plantation thin. DxD scaled sale. Dry Forest Restoration.
Jumpin Bean 3,026 mbf 277 acres	Boise Cascade	8/13	T34S, R5W, Sec. 19, 20, 29, 30, 33 T35S, R5W, Sec. 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 29, 33	Jump Off Joe Creek area. Road package almost done. Logging inactive.

Currently active sales titles are in bold.

SOLD BUT NOT AWARDED SALES:

Project Name	Purchaser	Sold	Legal Description	Status
East West Junction 2,233mbf 157 acres	Boise Cascade	3/13	T39S, R7W, Sec. 8, 20, 21 T39S, R8W, Sec. 29, 34 T40S, R8W, Sec. 3, 5, 7, 9	East & West Fork Illinois River area. Protests filed, negotiating Mod to award sale
Lower Graves 8,500mbf 591 acres	Murphy Company	7/15	T33S, R5W, Sec. 26, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35 T34S, R4W, Sec. 7 T34S, R5W, Sec 1, 3, 6, 7, 15, 17 T34S, R6W, Sec. 1	Middle Grave Creek, east of I-5. Answering protest

**GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA
2016 TIMBER SALE PLAN**

FY 2016 Proposed Sales:

Sale Name	Approx. MBF	Legal Description	Target Sale Date	Notes
Upper Cow	7,000mbf 700 acres	T31S, R03W Sec 19 T31S, R04W Sec 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 T31S, R05W Sec 25 T32S, R05W Sec 1 T32S, R04W 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 27	4/28/16	LSR Thinning along Upper Cow Creek
Wee Willy	250mbf 500 acres	T39S, R5W Sec 1, 11, 12	6/23/16	Stewardship project east of Williams, Panther Gulch road
Milk Duds	7,000mbf 700 acres	T31S, R9W Sec 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25, 27 T31S, R8W Sec 7, 19, 20, 29, 31, 33 T32S, R8W Sec 3, 5, 9	9/15/16	Elk Valley area.

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Oh Henry	8,000mbf 800 acres	T31S, R9W Sec 27, 33, 35 T32S, R10W Sec 1 T32S, R9W Sec 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18	6/17	Walker and Wallace Creek areas
Picket Hog	8,000mbf 900 acres	T34S, R7W Sec 7, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, T34S, R8W Sec 12, 25 T35S, R6W Sec 30, 31 T35S, R7W Sec 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 T 36S, R6W Sec 5, 31 T36S, R7W Sec 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 23, 27, 35	8/17	Pickett Creek area.
Little Willy	1,000mbf 6,000 acres		9/17	Stewardship project south of Williams
Cow Stew	1,500mbf 300 acres	T32S, R4W, Sec 8, 9, 17	4/17	Stewardship project in near Galesville

Josephine County, Title II Projects

RAC Vote

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Project Number (Application)	Project Name	Project Objective	Partial Funding Acceptable	Direct	BLM Priority	Applicant Name	BLM Contact Name	Funds Requested in Other Counties	Funds Requested FY 2015	Funds Allocated (\$)	Funds Allocated (%)
J001	Recreation Site and Trail Maintenance	Trail Maintenance	Yes	Direct		BLM	Jeanne Klein	Yes	\$ 23,000		
J002	Veterans Hiring and Training	Forest Health Improvement	Yes	Direct		BLM	Jessie Kiene	Yes	\$ 25,000		
J003	Abandoned Mine Remediation	Other: Safety	Yes	Direct		BLM	Susan Lee	Yes	\$ 54,000		
J004	Law Enforcement Assistant	Other: Public and Resource Protection	Yes	Direct		BLM	Dori Robinson	Yes	\$ 12,804		
J005	Signs for ACECs and RNAs	Other: Resource Protection	Yes	Direct		BLM	Rachel Showalter	No	\$ 5,500		
J006	Rogue River Rec Section Weed Trms	Control Noxious Weeds	Yes	Direct		BLM	Rachel Showalter	No	\$ 19,000		
J007	Dump and Trash Cleanup	Watershed Restoration and Maintenance	Yes	Direct		BLM	Phil Rheiner	Yes	\$ 20,000		
J008	Jo Co Youth Tree Planting	Other: Youth Education	Yes	Indirect		Jo Co Forestry Dept	Sarah Queen-Foster	No	\$ 5,000		
J009	Firewise Community Project	Other: Fire Protection	Yes	Direct		Jo Co Soil and Water Cons	Mike Main	No	\$ 144,100		
J010	NWYC Youth Employment Project	Trail Maintenance	Yes	Direct		NW Youth Corps	Jeanne Klein	Yes	\$ 8,248		
J011	Alyssum Eradication	Control Noxious Weeds	Yes	Direct		Illinois Valley Comm Devel Org	Bonnie Million	No	\$ 8,250		
J012	Connecting Comm to Outdoors Trail	Trail Maintenance	Yes	Direct		Illinois Valley Comm Devel Org	Bonnie Million	No	\$ 25,190		
J014	Provoit Riparian Habitat Restoration	Watershed Restoration and Maintenance	Yes	Direct		Watershed Council	Jon Rayborn, Bonnie Million	Yes	\$ 33,000		
J015	Riparian Restoration Nursery and Planting	Watershed Restoration and Maintenance	Yes	Limited		Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council		Yes	\$ 49,500		
DM01	Prescription Program	Forest Health Improvement	Yes	Direct		BLM	Jessie Kiene	Yes	\$ 25,000		0%
DM02	Vetrans Hiring and Training	Forest Health Improvement	Yes	Direct		Partnership for the Umpqua	Cory Sipher, Jonas Parker	No	\$ 29,975		0%
DR16	Umpqua Basin Stream Flow/Temp Protection and Restoration	Watershed Restoration and Maintenance	Yes	Direct		Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers	Jake Winn	No	\$ 156,288		0%
DR16	Umpqua Basin Collaborative Engagement and Capacity Enhancement	Other:	Yes	Direct		Partnership for the Umpqua	Jeff McEnroe	No			#DIV/0!