

Bureau of Land Management Northwest Oregon District Planning Update Fall 2024

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Projects Described in this Document

Below, **Tables 1 - 6** list and describe the planning status of current projects within the BLM Northwest Oregon District. Projects are organized by Field Office or District and project type. Provided for each are the project name, description, location, planning status, and contact person. Projects started and completed between editions of this document have gone through the full analysis process. The BLM notifies the public of these projects through this document; mailings and emails to contacts on the Northwest Oregon District Field Offices' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) notification lists, newspaper legal notices, and/or postings on the BLM National NEPA register website (ePlanning).

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The timber sale plans for the Salem and Eugene Sustained Yield Units are available at: <u>https://www.blm.gov/or/resources/forests/index.php</u>

BLM's National NEPA Register (ePlanning)

The National NEPA Register allows online review and comment of BLM planning and implementation projects. To access ePlanning, go to: <u>https://eplanning.blm.gov</u>. Under "Find a Project" you can search by State (**Oregon/Washington**) and Office (select **NW Oregon District Office** or any of the five field offices in the District: Cascades, Marys Peak, Siuslaw, Tillamook, or Upper Willamette).

You can also search by Type(s) of document (**Categorical Exclusions**, **Determination of NEPA Adequacy**, **Environmental Assessment**, **Environmental Impact Statement**), resource Program(s), and fiscal Year(s) (October to September) the project was entered into ePlanning. You do not need to fill out all fields to conduct the search. Check the box next to "Show only open participation periods" to see projects with open comment periods. Unselect the box next to "Show only active projects" if you want to see all projects within a given Office, Type, Program, and/or Year. Then click the **Search** button to display the results of your search.

As projects are developed, the BLM assigns each a "NEPA number" which can also be used to find individual projects in ePlanning. You can find the NEPA number in parentheses in the "Name and Project Description" column in Tables 1–6, as well as a hyperlink to the ePlanning page for that project. Depending on their point in project development, some projects may not yet have NEPA numbers.

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Vegetation Management Actions			
Outlaw Ridge Timber Management Project(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0002- EA)This project proposes regeneration harvest and/or commercial thinning across approximately 500-900 acres under multiple timber sales within Harvest Land Base – Moderate Intensity Timber Area (HLB – MITA) land use allocation (LUA). The project area is within the Thomas Creek and Middle North Santiam River 5th Field Watersheds and approximately 2 miles South of Lyons, Oregon in Linn County.	T. 9 S., R. 2 E., Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 1 E., Section 1, T. 10 S., R. 2 E., Sections 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, T. 10 S., R. 3 E., Section 7. Linn County	Cancelled. The Outlaw Ridge project is still being planned in the Cascades Field Office but has been cancelled due to management priorities.	Jonathan Tejeda Jtejeda@blm.gov (971) 446-0108
Cascades FY 2024 Manual Maintenance CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0016- CX) The project proposes manual maintenance for the Cascades Field Office (CFO) in Fiscal Year 2024. This includes pre- commercial thinning (PCT), brushing, and pruning. PCT would occur on HLB, while brushing activities may occur on any LUA. The objective is to adjust stand density for more robust tree survival.	Throughout the Cascades Field Office	Completed. CX/DR signed 09/13/2024.	Cole Weekly-Wilson <u>rweeklywilson@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5633
Cascades FY 2025 Manual Maintenance CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0018- CX) The project proposes manual maintenance for the Cascades Field Office (CFO) in Fiscal Year 2025. This includes pre- commercial thinning (PCT), brushing, and pruning. PCT would occur on HLB, while brushing activities may occur on any LUA. The objective is to adjust stand density for more robust tree survival.	Throughout the Cascades Field Office	In progress.	Cole Weekly-Wilson rweeklywilson@blm.gov (503) 375-5633
<u>Mr. Walton's Opus Timber Management</u> <u>Project EA</u>	T. 4 S., R. 4 E., Sections 23 and	EA in analysis stage. Draft EA	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u>

Table 1. Cascades Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2020-0013- EA) This project proposes thinning and variable retention harvest on approximately 708 acres under multiple timber sales within the HLB LUA. Also proposed are treatments within a 4-acre Riparian Reserve (RR) LUA to improve fish and aquatic habitat.	35; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2 and 3; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 3, 5, 9 and 10; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 7, 9, 10 and 17, Clackamas County	and FONSI anticipated January 2025.	(503) 315-5966
Horning Seed Orchard 2025-2027 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0014- DNA) BLM proposes to implement integrated pest management (IPM) activities within the Horning Seed Orchard boundary (760 acres) during calendar years 2025-2027. This would include insecticide and herbicide applications, fertilization and associated limitations, protections and mitigation measures.	Horning Seed Orchard, T. 4 S., R. 3 E., Sections 13 and 23, Colton, Clackamas County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian	CX/DR signed 11/12/24. Decision and Appeal End Date: 12/13/24	Jay Torland <u>jtorland@blm.gov</u> (503) 630-8410
Hotcase Lane Salvage CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0011- CX) The BLM Cascades Field Office is proposing a post-fire timber salvage harvest project (Project) on up to 250 acres within the Hillockburn area of the Riverside Fire. This Project will provide multiple timber sale contracts to be offered for sale via auction or negotiated in the 2025 fiscal year.	Located at T4S R5E sec 30: T4S R4E secs 13, 23, 24, 25 in Clackamas County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian.	In Progress - Analysis & Document Preparation	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966
Facilities Management Actions			
Quartzville Culvert Replacement and Road Repair Project(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0015- DNA)The BLM proposes to replace four culverts. Currently the Quartzville Corridor route is heavily used for both	T. 11 S., R. 4 E., Section 19; T. 12 S., R. 3 E., Section 9, Linn County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian	Completed. CX/DR signed 08/05/2024.	Mike Mathews <u>mmathews@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5711

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industry and BLM timber haul, as well as providing access to various recreation opportunities. Culverts and drainage have deteriorated with heavy use and age, necessitating maintenance and replacement. This proposal is consistent with the Quartzville Wild and Scenic River (WSR) and Recreation Corridor Management Plans which cite maintaining road conditions and safe access as one of the management objectives of the WSR.			
Salinas Road Access & Underground Utility CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0021- CX) The purpose of the right-of-way would be to provide driveway access to a private residence and install telephone, cable, and internet lines for the home. Construction of the driveway would approximately be 20 feet width by 20 feet length paved surface; and just south of the proposed road would include a utility trench.	T. 3 S., R. 3 E., Section 35, Willamette Meridian. Clackamas County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian.	CX/DR signed 10/29/2024. Land use grant pending.	Jonathan Tejeda Jtejeda@blm.gov (971) 446-0108
Recreation Actions			
Elkhorn Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Sections 1, 2, 11,	Final EA and FONSI	Cara Hand <u>chand@blm.gov</u>
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2021-0018- EA)	12; T. 9 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2-14,	completed; CRMP pending final BLM	(917) 375-3984
BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) with the US Forest Service for the Elkhorn Creek WSR. CRMP, EA and supporting documents may be found on Forest Service site.	Marion County	review/signature.	
Abiqua Falls Acquisition EA	T.7 S., R. 2 E., Section 28,	Paused.	Daniel Ford dkford@blm.gov
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0019- EA)	Marion County, Oregon,	Ongoing Discussions with	(971) 294-0427
The BLM has an opportunity to acquire 40 acres from The Abbey Foundation of	approximately six miles south of	The Abbey Foundation and	
Oregon, an Oregon nonprofit public benefit corporation (The Abbey	Scotts Mills Oregon,	BLM.	

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Foundation of Oregon) that contains Abiqua Falls along the Abiqua Creek. In 2023, the BLM Oregon Washington (OR/WA) received Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding to acquire this parcel and manage this popular recreational area.	Willamette Meridian		
Restoration Actions			
Cascades FO Beaver Dam Analog Restoration DNA (NEPA NO. TBD) The BLM, Cascades Field Office is planning a beaver habitat restoration project to install Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs) within lands allocated to the WSR, DDR, RR, LSR. Additionally, the BLM would apply riparian treatments to secure availability of water, promote the establishment of early seral hardwoods, and assist with retention of resident or translocated beaver.	T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; T. 6 S., R. 5 E.; T. 7 S., R. 3-5 E.; Willamette Meridian, Clackamas County; T. 8 S., R. 3 E.; Willamette Meridian, Marion County; T. 11 S., R. 2-3 E.; Willamette Meridian, Linn County	Planning and Preparation	Madeline Herrmann <u>mherrmann@blm.gov</u> (971) 453-2895

Table 2. Marys Peak Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
Aloha Trout Forest Management Project EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2025-0001-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB and RR LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to variable retention harvest, thinning, tree tipping, transportation management actions, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.	T. 13 S., R. 7 W., Sections 27, 29, 33, 35. T. 14 S., R. 7 W., Sections 3, 5, 7, 15. Benton County	External scoping completed Fall 2024. EA expected to be completed in 2025.	Anthom Weaver <u>aweaver@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5980
Central Boulder Forest Management EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2022-0004-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB	T. 7 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27, 35; T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 1. Polk County	EA and unsigned FONSI completed. Signed FONSI and decision	Macrina Lesniak <u>mlesniak@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5963

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LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to variable retention harvest, thinning, transportation management actions, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.		record expected in 2025.	
Teal Creek Forest Management EA DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2018-0010-EA The BLM completed an EA and FONSI in 2020 for timber harvest on approximately 320 acres of mid-seral forest in the Harvest Land Base. Post- harvest fuel reduction treatments, snag creation, new road construction, and renovation and improvement of existing roads were also proposed.	T. 8 S., R. 6 W., section 31; T. 9 S., R. 6 W., Section 5. W.M. Polk County.	Completed. Final timber sale decision record issued September 2024. No appeals received.	Andy Frazier <u>afrazier@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5979
Facilities Management Actions			
North Fork Siletz Road Failure (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is proposing to construct a bridge on the 8-8-18.0 road after a debris flow caused the road and culvert to fail. The BLM is receiving ERFO funding to replace the damaged culvert with a bridge.	T. 7 S., R. 8 W., section 32, W.M.	Planned	Dale Bleakney <u>dbleakney@blm.gov</u> (503) 589-6851
Recreation Actions			
Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0007- EA) The BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) for the Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W. Sections 15, 22, 27, 28. W.M.	In progress. The BLM is drafting a CRMP and corresponding EA, which are expected to be available for review in spring 2025	Cara Hand <u>chand@blm.gov</u> (917) 375-3984
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Fence Replacement (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0007-CX) The BLM is proposing to replace fencing and fenceposts within a portion of YHONA to address public safety and resource concerns. Much of the fence infrastructure	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon. T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29, 30. W.M.	Completed.	Thomas Linegar <u>tlinegar@blm.gov</u> (541) 574-3147

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within the site was built in late 1990s and has been weathered to the point of failure.			
Restoration Actions			
Record Creek Beaver Restoration Project DNA	T. 14 S., R. 8 W., section 26, W.M.	In progress	Tony Spitzack <u>aspitzack@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5960
(NEPA # TBD)			(303) 313-3900
The project will provide refuge habitat for migrating beaver while improving water quality and habitat for ESA-listed Coho salmon and Bureau Sensitive steelhead. The project will install up to 10 Beaver Dam Analogues along ½ mile of Record Creek, map and treat weeds in the project area (pre-project and post-project for up to 3 years), plant beaver forage plants and native shrubs and trees throughout project area, and spread native riparian seed and straw on access trails.			
Upper and Lower Botkin Road Culvert Replacements DNA (NEPA # TBD)	T. 13 S., R. 6 W., section 6 and 7, W.M.	In progress	Douglass Fitting dfitting@blm.gov (503) 315-5918
The project will replace two undersized culverts on BLM road 13-6-6.0 (Botkin Road). The replacements will reduce localized flooding to neighboring private landowners and provide fish passage, including for ESA-listed Upper Willamette River steelhead, Bureau Sensitive Pacific Lamprey, and coho salmon.			Tony Spitzack <u>aspitzack@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5960
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of- way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Marys Peak Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Matthew Betenson <u>mbetenso@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5968

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Vegetation Management Actions			
N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0022- EA) The BLM is programmatically analyzing actions to restore late-successional complex stands, ensuring functional wood is available to adjacent streams on 30,047 acres of LSR and RR LUAs. Projects are currently being planned and implemented based on the selected Alternative 5 in the EA.	BLM Reserve LUAs West of Hwy 97, North of Hwy 126, East of Hwy 101, and South of Hwy 20.	The N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project is complete. Litigation is pending with a complaint filed in U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Oregon on May 25, 2022.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2020-0002- EA) The BLM programmatically analyzed commercial timber harvest and associated connected actions (e.g., road construction, renovation, or improvement, fuels treatments, dead wood creation, etc.) on 13,225 HLB LUA acres within the Siuslaw Field Office. This programmatic analysis is not an implementation plan. It is a broad look at commercial timber harvest effects across the analysis area.	HLB land within the Siuslaw Field Office	Decision issued on April 1, 2022. Litigation pending complaint challenging Project filed in U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of Oregon on September 9, 2022.	Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov (971) 707-0372
Thunder Cat Forest Management EA(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0015-EA)The BLM Siuslaw Field Office isbeginning the planning process on theThunder Cat Forest Management Project(Project or Thunder Cat Project) throughthe development of an EA.The areas BLM is proposing fortreatments are located approximately 8-11miles west and southwest of Veneta,Oregon. The Thunder Cat project areaincludes approximately 640 acres offorest that span 5 sections of BLMmanaged lands in Lane County, Oregon.The Thunder Cat Project area is located in	T. 18 S., R. 6 W., Sections 7, and 35; T. 18 S., R. 7 W., Section 1; T. 19 S., R. 6 W., Sections 9 and 11; W.M.	The BLM is developing this EA. The draft EA is expected to be available for public comment in Spring 2025.	Victoria Coraci <u>vcoraci@blm.gov</u> (971) 707-0372

Table 3. Siuslaw Field Office Projects

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the central part of the Siuslaw Field Office where lands within the Harvest Land Base (HLB) are arranged in a checkerboard pattern of federal, state and private industrial timber lands.			
Electric Crossing Density Management Project DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-NO30-2024-0019- DNA) The BLM is planning a density management plan using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 25, 26, 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 1	The decision is expected in winter 2024.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Dueling Elk Density Management Project DNA (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is planning a density management plan using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 7; T. 16 S., R. 8 W., Section 3	Public input planned for spring 2025. Decision planned for summer 2025.	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6407
Moke Road Density Management Project DNA (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is planning a density management plan using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the	T. 16S., R. 7W., Secs. 29 and 31, 17S., R. 7W., Sec. 5, T. 17S., R. 8W., Sec. 1	Decision planned for winter 2025	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6407

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N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.			
Triangle Lake Progeny Site Categorical Exclusion	T. 16 S., R. 07 W., Section 19 of the Willamette	Public input planned for	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov
(NEPA # TBD)	Meridian	spring 2025. Decision planned	(541) 683-6407
The proposed treatment area consists of two distinct progeny test sites, which total 13.5 acres. Both sites were established in 1974 following a timber harvest and are currently 50 years old. The progeny test sites consist of homogenous Douglas-fir plantations that are no longer being tested and are in need of thinning.		for summer 2025.	
Public Safety			
Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety Environmental Impact Statement	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 26	In progress. The final EIS was	Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0010- EIS)		published on July 26, 2024. The Northwest	(971) 707-0372
The BLM is considering reducing the dam risk, such as dam removal, allowing the creek to flow freely through the area.		Oregon District Manager will finalize the	
The BLM is beginning the planning process for how to mitigate for the change in recreational opportunities that will result from the dam's removal. The BLM is in the process of planning at least 2 public meetings to solicit input from the public on what recreation the community would like to see developed. The BLM will develop an EA to analyze the impacts for the mitigation efforts for both recreation and restoration.		BLM's selected alternative by signing the Record of Decision this Spring.	
Letz Creek Shaded Fuel Break	T 20 S., R. 5 W. Section 19	In progress. Public review	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov
(NEPA # TBD)		period anticipated	(541) 683-6407
The January 2024 ice storm in Lane County caused significant damage to BLM managed lands around the Letz Creek rural community, creating a need for fuels reduction and debris removal in order to reduce the risk of wildfire. If left untreated, the debris from the storm could lead to extreme fire behavior, posing a serious threat to the surrounding		winter, 2024. Decision anticipated spring 2025.	

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community. As a designated Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), the Letz Creek Community is particularly vulnerable to wildfire, and the BLM has responsibilities as a neighboring landowner to manage fuel loads and reduce wildfire threats.			
Windy Peak Temporary Road Closure	BLM Road 17-8-	The BLM	Victoria Coraci
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0017- CX) The BLM is preparing a categorical exclusion document to temporarily close the Windy Peak Road. This road is currently impassable due to a landslide that occurred in early 2024. This closure will be a short-term solution while the office determines a how to reroute the road.	 3.1 T. 16S., R. 07W., Sections 24, 35 T. 16S., R. 08W., Sections 2, 3 	published this CX.	<u>vcoraci@blm.gov</u> (971) 707-0372
Little Elk Mountain Road Seasonal Closure (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0006- CX) The BLM is preparing a categorical exclusion document to seasonally close the Little Elk Mountain Road. This road intersects the Lamb Creek landslide and has already been rerouted once. This closure will apply to all traffic except for BLM administrative access from November until April while the office determines the longer-term course of action. The longer-term solutions may include rerouting the road or a permanent closure if no viable reroutes can be found.	BLM owned road 16-8-36.0 T. 16S., R. 08W., Sections 25, 36	The BLM published this CX.	Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov (971) 707-0372
Recreation Actions			
Whittaker Campground Host SiteImprovements(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0012- CX)The field office is beginning the planning process to improve the host site in the Whittaker campground to increase the ability of the office to attract campground hosts. This project will move the location	Whittaker Campground. T18S-R08W- Sections 28, 31, 32.	In progress. The CX is expected to be published by Fall of 2025	Greg Shiffer gjshiffer@blm.gov (541) 683-6212

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of the host site and include the installation of a black water holding tank as well as electrical connection to the site.			
Restoration Actions			
2025 Siuslaw Field Office Aquatic Restoration DNA (NEPA # TBD) The Bureau of Land Management's Siuslaw Field Office of the Northwest Oregon District is proposing aquatic restoration within the Siuslaw Watershed, all situated within the field office's administered land base. Additionally, the Siuslaw Field Office is partnering with the Long Tom Watershed Council for a Title II funded project to implement a 75- acre aquatic restoration project on private land within the Long Tom Watershed. These actions aim to restore salmonid and aquatic habitats while enhancing native plant communities. The proposed actions include adding large woody debris (LWD) to streams in order to improve Coho Salmon habitat, adding aquatic organism passages (AOP), bridge replacement, replacing culverts to enhance fish connectivity, reestablish native plant communities through invasive plant removal, ecological burning, and targeted herbicide use.	T. 16 S., R. 8 W., section 35 SW1/4, T. 16 S., R. 8 W., section 35 SW1/4, T. 19 S., R. 6 W., Section 29 SE1/4, T. 18 S., R. 8 W., Section 21 SE1/4, T. 18 S., R. 8 W., Section 21 SE1/4, T. 20 S., R. 5 W., Section 15 NW1/4, T. 18 S., R. 6 W., Section 2 NW1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Section 34 SE1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW 1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW 1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW 1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW 1/4, T. 17 S., R. 6 W., Sections 34 SE1/4 and 35 SW 1/4, T. 17 S., R 6 W., Section 34 SE1/4	Decision planned for winter 2024/2025	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as granting rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Siuslaw Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Sarah Bickford <u>sbickfor@blm.gov</u> (541) 218-0553
West Eugene Wetlands (WEW) Actions			
WEW Targeted Grazing DNA (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is proposing to use targeted grazing as a habitat management tool to	West Eugene Wetlands	Project in process. Decision expected winter 2024/2025.	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 6830-6407

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control noxious and invasive weeds within the WEW parcels. Targeted grazing is the purposeful application of a specific herbivorous species, such as goats and sheep, at a determined season, duration, and intensity, to accomplish defined vegetation objectives.			

Table 4. Tillamook Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
Coast Creek Timber Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001- EA) The BLM completed an EA for the Coast Creek Timber Management Project which includes regeneration harvest and commercial thinning in the HLB LUA. This project includes thinning within the RR LUA, and road construction and maintenance including the replacement of several fish passage culverts. The timber management project includes approximately 1,015 acres and would result in multiple timber sales.	Coast Creek subwatershed of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete with FONSI signed in October 2020. The second timber sale decision was issued in June 2023 and the timber sale was sold at auction in September 2023. The third timber sale decision is expected to be issued in December 2025.	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1100
Upper Willamina Forest Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2021-0001-EA) The BLM completed the EA for a forest management project on approximately 2,500 acres of HLB, LSR, and RR lands in the Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Deer Creek sub-watersheds of the South Yamhill River watershed. Treatments considered range from restoration thinning on LSR and RR lands to commercial thinning and regeneration harvest on HLB lands. Associated actions include road construction and renovation, culvert installation and replacement, snag creation, and riparian tree felling.	Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Upper Deer Creek sub- watersheds of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete and the FONSI was signed in April 2023. The fourth timber sale decision was issued July 15, 2024. The fifth timber sale decision is expected to be issued in February 2025.	Landon Rhodes Irhodes@blm.gov (503) 815-1100

McKay Creek Forest Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0003-EA) The BLM has analyzed the effects of a 1,200-acre forest management project on HLB and RR land use allocation lands in the McKay Creek watershed north of North Plains, Oregon. The project includes regeneration harvest, commercial thinning as well as some commercial thinning in the Riparian Reserve. The project also includes road construction, renovation, and maintenance, riparian tree felling and snag creation.	McKay Creek subwatershed of the Dairy Creek watershed in the Tualatin River drainage. Washington County, Oregon.	In progress: The EA and unsigned FONSI have been completed and the 30-day comment period was completed June 9, 2024. A signed FONSI is expected to be issued in the winter of 2025.	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1100
Dairy Creek Forest Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2024-0001-EA) The BLM is planning a 700-acre forest management project on lands allocated to the HLB and RR in the Dairy Creek watershed north of Banks, Oregon. Actions being considered include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, road work, post-harvest fuel reduction treatments, riparian tree felling, and snag creation.	Upper East Fork Dairy Creek and Lower East Fork Dairy Creek subwatersheds of the Dairy Creek watershed, Washington County, Oregon.	In progress: The external scoping period was completed in Fall, 2024. The EA is expected to be completed in summer, 2025.	Hilary Chittom hchittom@blm.gov (503) 815-1100
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of- way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Tillamook Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1100

Table 5. Upper Willamette Field Office Projects

Big League Timber Management Project <u>EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003- EA)	T. 14 S., R. 2 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 E.; T. 15 S., R. 2 W.;	FONSI withdrawn in December 2023. Revision in progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
The BLM proposes to analyze the environmental effects of forest management actions, including eight timber sales that were previously being examined for NEPA adequacy, under a	T. 15 S., R. 1 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 E.		

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single EA. The actions and alternatives have been adjusted and include variable retention regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, road work, fuels management, snag creation, and reforestation. Approximately 2,710 acres are being analyzed for timber harvest.			
Upper Willamette 2024 Ice Storm Salvage Harvest CX DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0008- CX The BLM proposes to conduct salvage harvest of approximately 250 acres of fallen timber and dead and dying standing timber in the Harvest Land Base – Moderate Intensity Timber Area land use allocation (HLB-MITA), across the Upper Willamette Field Office	T. 16 S., R. 1 W., Section 31; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 1 W., Sections 3, 5; T. 17 S., R. 2 W., Section 7; T. 18 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 21; T. 19 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 33	Decision published June 2024.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
Facilities Management Actions			
Nelson Creek Culvert Project EA(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0005-EA)Project would address a collapsedculvert that provides fish passage inNelson Creek.	T. 19 S., R. 1 E, Section 11		In progress. Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Water Tank CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0004- CX) McKenzie Fire & Rescue proposed constructing a 15,000 gallon water tank on BLM-administered land adjacent to Goodpasture Road in Vida, Oregon for fire suppression.	T. 16 S., R. 2 E., Section 33	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Restoration Actions			
Upper Willamette Aquatic RestorationDNA 2024DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0007-DNAThe BLM proposes aquatic restorationprojects on BLM-administered lands inthe Upper Willamette Field Office.Individual projects would include	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 21, 30; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 29; T. 16 S., R. 3 E., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 3 E., Section 09, 17; T. 18 S., R. 1 W.,	Decision published May 2024.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

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removal of an unauthorized recreation trail, rock weir installation, off-channel pond habitat development, placement and manipulation of large woody debris in stream channels, culvert repair and replacement, and road decommissioning.	Section 21; T. 21 S., R. 2 W., Section 21; T. 22 S., R. 2 W., Sections 15, 16; T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 18; T. 23 S., R. 1 W., Section 07; and T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 12		
Upper Willamette Aquatic Restoration DNA 2025 (NEPA number TBD) The BLM proposes aquatic restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the Upper Willamette Field Office. Individual projects would include stream crossing rehabilitation, aquatic organism passage, large wood bed stabilization, and beaver dam analog installation.	T. 21 S., R. 02 W., Section 21; T. 14 S., R 02 W Section 27; T. 16 S., R. 01., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 02 W., Section 17; T. 17 S., R. 01 W., Section 15; T. 18 S., R. 01 E. Sections 21 and 29	In progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of- way and special use permits.	Upper Willamette Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

Table 6. NW Oregon District Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Facilities Management Actions			
Routine Road, Pump Chance, and Helipond Maintenance CX (NEPA number TBD) The BLM Northwest Oregon District proposes to update the 2019 Routine Road Maintenance, Pump Chance, and Helipond CX.	On and along BLM roads throughout the BLM Northwest Oregon District.	In progress.	M.G. Holthoff <u>mholthoff@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5651

Acronyms and Definitions

Categorical Exclusion (CX): A category of actions (identified in agency guidance) that do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and for which neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands (CRLNCL): Includes Congressionally Reserved Lands that congress has designated and defined management through law, such as designated Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Outstanding Natural Areas. This land use allocation also includes eligible and suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Decision Record (DR): The BLM decision document associated with an EA that describes the action to be taken when the analysis supports a finding of no significant impact.

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA): An interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process that concludes that a proposed action is adequately analyzed in an existing NEPA document (an EIS or EA). Where applicable, the determination also addresses conformance with an approved land use plan.

District-Designated Reserve (DDR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP). The objective of this land use allocation is to maintain the values and resources for which the BLM has reserved these areas from sustained-yield harvest. These lands include constructed facilities and infrastructure, such as seed orchards, roads, communication sites, quarries, buildings, and maintenance yards, as well as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Timber Production Capabilities Classification (TPCC) lands, and Lands Managed for their Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

Environmental Assessment (EA): A public document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that provides sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a federal undertaking would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. If the answer is no, the agency issues a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), otherwise, the agency would be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to pursue the project.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): A document required by NEPA to assess the potential impacts of federal agency actions "significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI): A finding that explains how an action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment pursuant to NEPA, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement would not be required.

FY: Fiscal Year. Beginning October 1 of one year and ending September 30 of the following year.

Harvest Land Base (HLB): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Those lands on which the determination and declaration of the Annual Productive Capacity/Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) is based. The ASQ is based on implementing a set of specific timber management activities and assumes those practices will be repeated over time and results in a sustainable harvest level. This includes the Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA) and Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA).

Land Use Allocation (LUA): A designation defining uses that are allowed, restricted, or prohibited for a particular area of land. The LUAs are Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands, District-Designated Reserve, Harvest Land Base, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve.

Late-Successional Reserve (LSR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP land use allocations. The Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP designated lands to a land use allocation of the same name, but the objectives of the LSR are to manage habitat for the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA): A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA): A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): A federal law that requires agencies to determine if their proposed actions would have significant environmental effects on the quality of the human environment. The NEPA procedures ensure that environmental information is available to the public, and that the public has an opportunity to participate in the process before federal agency decisions are made and before actions are taken that may have a significant effect on the environment. The NEPA process provides an understanding of the environmental consequences of a proposed action and action alternatives to assist federal agency officials in decision-making.

Regeneration harvest: Any removal of trees intended to assist regeneration already present or to make regeneration possible.

Riparian Reserve (RR): One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Lands within the Riparian Reserve were designated to manage for ESA-listed fish species and their habitats and water quality.

Salvage harvest: Removal of dead trees or of trees damaged or dying because of injurious agents other than competition, to recover their economic value.

Sustained Yield Unit (SYU): An administrative unit for which an allowable sale quantity is calculated. In western Oregon, the six sustained yield units correspond to the Coos Bay; Eugene; Medford, Roseburg, and Salem Districts, and the western portion of the Klamath Falls Field Office. The consolidation of the Salem and Eugene Districts did not affect sustained yield units.

Thinning - Commercial Thinning/Density Management: Commercial thinning is stand thinning in which some, or all, the cut trees are removed from the stand for timber. Density Management is the cutting of trees for the primary purpose of widening their spacing so that growth of remaining trees can be accelerated. Density management harvest can also be used to improve forest health, to open the forest canopy, or to accelerate the attainment of old growth characteristics if maintenance or restoration of biological diversity is the objective. Specific objectives would vary by land use allocation.

Watershed: An area in which all surface waters flow to a common point.

Wild and Scenic Rivers system (WSR): A system of nationally designated rivers and their immediate environments that have outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic cultural, or other similar values and are preserved in a free-flowing condition.

W.M.: Willamette Meridian