

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

DECISION RECORD  
Get Lost Analysis Area  
Environmental Assessment No. OR090-EA-01-23

**Background:**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Get Lost Analysis Area were prepared by the McKenzie Resource Area, Eugene District Office. Timber harvest, road construction, road improvement and road decommissioning would occur on Matrix lands as identified in the Northwest Forest Plan. The Get Lost Analysis area is located in Sections 17 and 21, T. 20 S., R. 1 W., 1 Will. Mer.

Management objectives are to:

- Fulfill the BLM's mission and policy of providing wood products and jobs in the General Forest Management Area (MATRIX) for FY 2002.
- Manage Matrix lands by commercial thinning to capture mortality, reduce stocking density and redistribute growth and yield to the remaining stand.
- Construct temporary roads for timber harvesting, improve roads by replacing or eliminating culverts and decommissioning roads not needed for the foreseeable future.

**Consultation:**

The Lost Creek Watershed is designated Critical Habitat for spring chinook. Informal consultation with NMFS on the original Lost Creek EA (May, 1999) was completed with a letter of concurrence ("May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect") on August 4, 1999.

The proposed project covers Harvest Area 7 (new Harvest Areas 1 and 2) and Harvest Area 8 (new Harvest Area 3) as described in the original Lost Creek EA. Changes between the original proposal consulted on in 1999 would result in less or equal impacts on spring chinook salmon than the original Biological Assessment and Letter of Concurrence.

**Public Comments:**

This EA and FONSI were advertised on August 22, 2001 as available for a 3-week public review period in the Eugene Register-Guard. Copies of the EA and FONSI were mailed to interested individuals. Two comment letters were received from the public.

**Finding of No Significant Impact:**

On the basis of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment (OR090-EA-01-23), and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the Proposed Action or Alternative will not have significant environmental impacts not already addressed in the Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994) and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (June 1995) as amended by the Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendment to the Survey & Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines, January 2001. Environmental Assessment OR 090-EA-01-23 is in conformance with the above documents and does not, in and of itself, constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) or supplement to the existing EIS is unnecessary and will not be prepared.

**Changes:**

**Harvest Area Boundary Change:** An estimated 8 to 10 acres in Harvest Area 2 was removed from harvesting consideration. This was done because of safety concerns for the helicopter logging.

**Decision:**

The decision is to implement Alternative I the Proposed Action, as analyzed in EA OR090-EA-01-23. This Alternative consists of three commercial thinning areas (323 acres of Matrix). Construction of approximately 1.06 miles of native surface temporary road (to be decommissioned after completion of harvesting), 0.60 mile of rock road improvement and 0.79 mile of existing road would be decommissioned.

An estimated 5 MMBF of timber will be harvested. The mitigation measures, design features and management requirements, logging methods, and road decommissioning goals as described in the EA, are hereby adopted.

**Rationale:**

Alternative I is selected because it meets project objectives described in the background section of this document, and is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines in the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994). Alternative I (Proposed Action) would not prevent nor retard attainment of any of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives.

Alternative II (No Action Alternative) was not selected because it does not meet the project objectives described in the background section of this document, nor does it meet the intent of the SEIS/ROD or Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan.

Alternative III was not selected because of the complex road construction that would have to be built.

**Administrative Remedies:**

This Decision Record can not be protested at this time. The purpose of this Decision Record is to let the public know that a decision has been made to select Alternative 1 and that the field work needed to prepare the area for sale will be implemented according to the selected Alternative. In accordance with 43 CFR 5003, a notice of sale published in the newspaper, rather than this Decision Record, will constitute the decision document for the purpose of protests. The decision to conduct a sale will be subject to protest for 15 days following first publication of the notice of sale. The tentative date for publishing the notice of sale is February 2002, although this date is subject to change without notice.

Approved by: Emily Rice  
Field Manager, McKenzie Resource Area

Date: 9/25/01