

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

October 17, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room
434 NE Evans St.

PRESENT: Commissioners Stan Primozich, Mary Starrett and Richard L. "Rick" Olson.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch and Mikalie Frei

Guests: Karen Schank and Jose Linares, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nicole Montesano, News Register and others as listed on the sign in sheet.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Bureau of Land Management update – Mr. Linares introduced himself and Karen Schank, Tillamook Field Office Field Manager. He gave a brief overview of the Northwest Oregon District (see Exhibit A). He explained that he is the new District Manager and that just recently the Salem and Eugene Districts consolidated which now encompasses a larger area. He is looking forward to working with district staff and implementing the Resource Management Plans of Western Oregon. Ms. Schank spoke about the proposed Panther Creek Timber Management Project (see Exhibit A). Commissioner Starrett asked about the barred owl and what kind of consideration has been taken regarding it and the spotted owl. Mr. Linares said that it had been taken into consideration in the analysis. Commissioner Primozich stated that he wants to be a partner and engaged with BLM going forward with Yamhill County's interests in mind. He also stated that the loss of the lumber industry and wildfires have created a huge loss for Yamhill County and BLM lands have been significantly impacted.

* Minutes – see formal session agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants – see formal session agenda for details.

* Committees – see formal session agenda for details.

* Misc. – see formal session agenda for details.

Informal session recessed to executive session at 2:40 p.m. in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Executive session adjourned at 3:53 p.m. with no final decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to those authorized to conduct labor negotiations on behalf of the county.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Keri Hinton
Secretary

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Northwest Oregon District, Tillamook Field Office

Yamhill County Commissioner's Briefing

October 17, 2017

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Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

The Northwest Oregon RAC held a successful meeting in July of 2017 and is tentatively planning to meet again in February 2018 at the BLM Office in Salem. The focus of the meeting will be the review of recreation fee proposals. The Federal Register Notice, which officially announces the meeting, is being reviewed by the Department, as is the Charter renewal package. The nomination package for new RAC members is also being reviewed. Five recommended applicants, including one reappointment, were submitted to fill the five positions that became vacant on the Council on August 3, 2017.

Western Oregon Resource Management Plans

On August 5, 2016, the BLM signed the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Resource Management Plans of Western Oregon. The completion of the RODs marked the end of a four year effort by the BLM to use new science, policies, and technology to protect natural resources and support local communities.

The Resource Management Plans maintain strong protections for the northern spotted owl, listed fish species, and water resources, and offers predictable and sustainable outcomes for local communities by increasing job opportunities, tourism and recreation, and timber harvest. Once these plans are fully implemented, the BLM estimates that it will be able to provide 278 million board feet (mmbf) per year in total timber harvest. Out of 2.5 million acres in the planning area, nearly three-quarters will be protected in reserves for fish, water, wildlife, and other resource values.

Throughout the course of the planning process, the BLM held 41 public meetings, workshops, and forums in western Oregon. The agency received more than 7,000 comments, 4,500 of which were sent in during the formal comment period in 2015. The BLM also worked closely with agencies with regulatory responsibilities, including the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to develop strategies to protect fish, water, and threatened and endangered species.

Panther Creek Timber Management Project

The Tillamook 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.



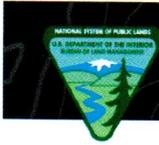
Northwest Oregon District

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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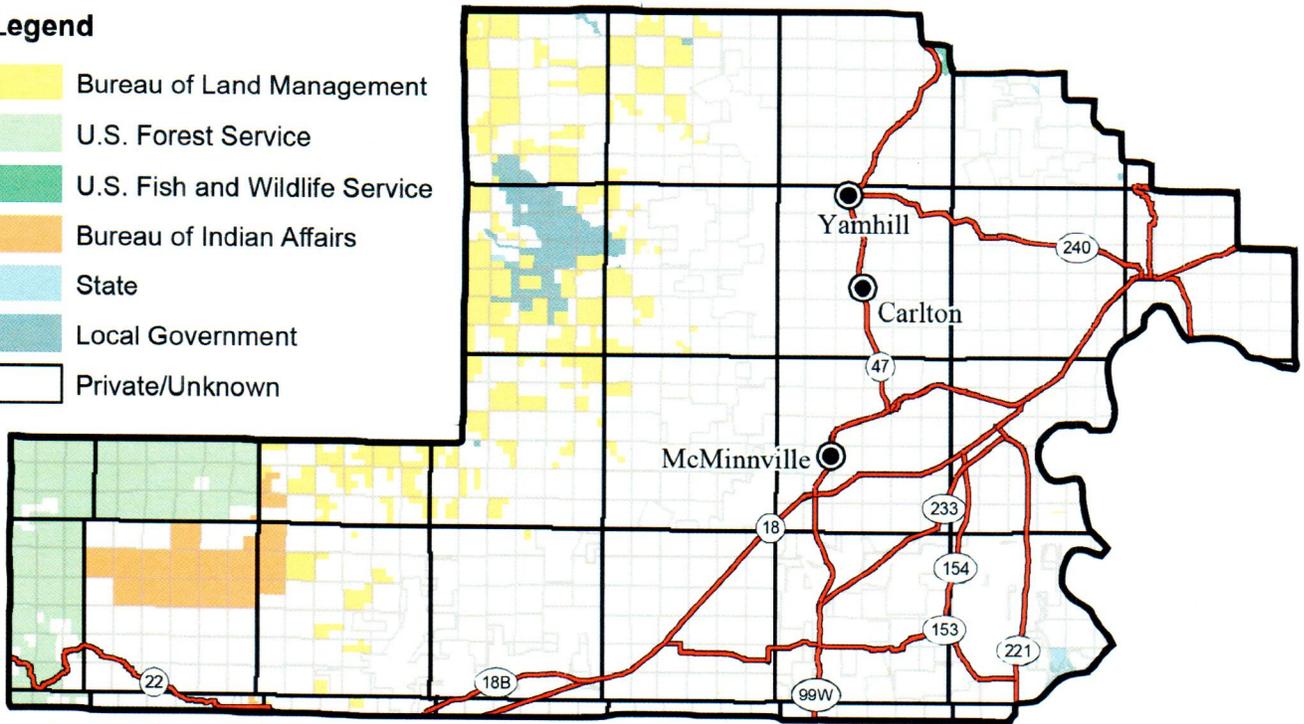
Tillamook Field Office Timber Sales, October 2017				
Active Sale Contracts	County	ACRES	VOLUME	PURCHASER
2016 and earlier				
Daywalker	Yamhill	203	4,306	Hampton
Dutch Treat	Columbia	398	10,081	Freres
Dutch Baby	Columbia	33	650	Bell Pole
Holiday	Yamhill	275	4,897	Boise Cascade
Lucky 13	Washington	163	3,388	Hampton
Ruby 2	Columbia	159	4,021	Freres
Baker's Dozen	Washington	202	4,865	Boise Cascade
33 Mystery	Columbia	<u>98</u>	<u>3,755</u>	Boise Cascade
Totals:		1,531	35,963	
2017				
Night Walker	Tillamook/ Yamhill	333	6,128	Boise Cascade
Quarry 5	Columbia	242	7,358	Freres
3 Rivers	Columbia	154	3,468	Freres
Bell Tower	Tillamook	<u>364</u>	<u>10,004</u>	Hampton
Totals:		1,093	26,958	
2018				
Snaggletooth	Columbia	216	4,630	TBD
Super Cooper	Tillamook	447	9,800	TBD
Number 4	Washington	<u>186</u>	<u>4,210</u>	TBD
Totals:		849	18,640	



Yamhill County Land Use Allocation

Legend

- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- State
- Local Government
- Private/Unknown



Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land Allocation

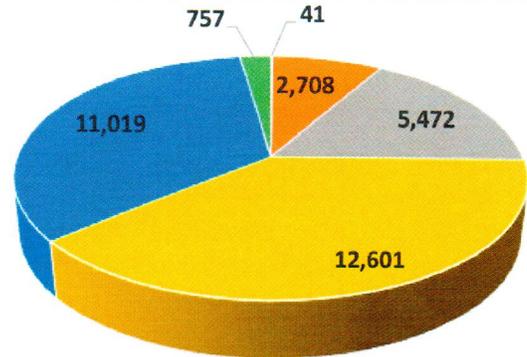
Numeric Representation
(numbers correspond to pie chart):

Land Use Allocation

<u>Land Use Allocation</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1) Congressionally Reserved and National Conservation Lands	41
2) District Designated Reserves	2,708
3) Late Successional Reserve	5,472
4) Riparian Reserve	12,601
5) Harvest Land Base: Moderate Intensity	11,019
6) Harvest Land Base: Low Intensity	757

Visual Representation
(numbers correspond to table below):

BLM Land Use Allocation: Yamhill County



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