The Big Hoodoo Project Environmental in Springfield, OR 97477

Details
The Big Hoodoo Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Decision Notice have been completed for the McKenzie River Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. The proposed decision is to select Alternative 2 as modified in the final EA and draft Decision Notice. The alternative has been modified by providing additional aesthetic protection to the Pacific Crest Trail and increased retention of snags and down wood. The alternative selected would treat approximately 2,135 acres within the Hoodoo/Big Lake Wildland-Urban Interface, of which approximately 1,062 acres would be fuels reduction work and approximately 1,073 acres would be thinning treatments. The majority of material is anticipated to be removed off-site by a combination of manual labor and use of heavy machinery. Some material may be piled and burned on-site or scattered where fuel conditions are favorable to do so. The selected alternative would maintain approximately 16.5 miles of existing road and create approximately 8.8 miles of temporary roads. Temporary roads would be hydrologically stabilized and restored to their previous function after all project activities are completed.

Treatments may be implemented as early as 2014. The project area is located within the Parks Creek/Lost Lake subwatershed (6th field) of the Upper McKenzie Watershed (5th field), in T 13S R 7.5E Sec: 23, 25, 26, 32, 36; T 13S R 7E Sec: 1; T 14S R 7.5E Sec: 1-4, 9-11; Willamette Meridian, Linn County, Oregon. Project documents can be accessed at: . For further information about the project or to request a copy of the Draft Decision Notice, contact Kevin Moran at (541) 822-7255 or by mail at McKenzie River Ranger Station, 57600 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413. The project is subject to pre-decisional administrative review pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subpart B. The 45-day objection period begins the day following publication of notice of objection in the Eugene Register-Guard. Only individuals or organizations who submitted specific written or oral comments during the designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or 30-day comment period) may object (36 CFR 218.5). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with the requirement for objection issues 36 CFR 218.8 (c). Minimum requirements of an objection are described in 36 CFR 218.8 (d). An objection must include: a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment. Objections can be submitted in several forms, but must be received by the Forest Supervisor, the Objection Deciding Officer, within 45 days from the date of publication of notice of objection in the Eugene Register-Guard. The publication date in the Eugene Register-Guard is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object to this Draft Decision Notice should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Attachments received after the 45 day objection period will not be considered. Objections can be: 1) Mailed to: Forest Supervisor, Willamette National Forest, Attn: Objections, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477; 2) E-mailed to: Please put OBJECTION and the proposed amendment’s name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc) plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or portable
document format (.pdf) only to the email address above. E-mails submitted to addresses other than the ones listed above or in formats other than those listed above or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the objector to confirm receipt of objections submitted by electronic mail. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an electronic message, a verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature is one way to provide verification; 3) Delivered to: Willamette National Forest, Supervisor's Office at Springfield Interagency Office, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite D, Springfield, OR 97477 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, M-F, excluding legal holidays; or 4) Faxed to: Willamette National Forest, Supervisor's Office, ATTN: OBJECTIONS at (541) 225-6222. No. 5971419 • May 26, 2014