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ThunderKat Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Decision and Decision Rationale (DR)
EA # DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2014-0002 EA

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District has made a decision to regeneration harvest 49 acres of 93 year old forest stands in the Cascades Resource Area. The project will be implemented as the ThunderKat Timber Sale. Other actions include but are not limited to: approximately 2 acres of road right-of-way clearing for up to 0.40 miles of new road construction, close and stabilize any newly constructed natural surface roads, and renovate approximately 4.12 miles of existing road. Fuels treatment will be completed on approximately 51 acres which include machine piling and burning within the regeneration harvest units and on landings.

The ThunderKat Timber Sale consists of 2 units of the proposed and alternative actions documented in the *ThunderKat Environmental Assessment (EA)* (EA #DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2014-0002-EA) and the associated project file. The *Finding of No Significant Impact* for the ThunderKat EA was signed on November 12th, 2015 and is also available for public review.

A copy of the *ThunderKat Final Decision and Decision Rationale (DR)* and the *ThunderKat EA* and *Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)* is available at our Salem District Office, at the above address and can be found on the Eplanning NEPA register website. To access this site, go to <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/plans/plans.php>; click on the Eplanning NEPA Register; click on the text search tab; click advanced search; in the project name box, type ThunderKat and click search. The project will display on the bottom of the page; then click the NEPA #, which brings you to the project page. The ThunderKat DR and FONSI will be filed under the Documents section of the project page.

The decision described in this document is a forest management decision and is subject to protest by the public. In accordance with Forest Management Regulations at 43 CFR 5003, protests of this decision may be made within 15 days of the publication of a notice of decision in a newspaper of general circulation. For this project, the Notice of Sale will be published in the *Stayton Mail* newspaper on or around November 18th, 2015. To protest this decision a person must submit a written protest to John Huston, Cascades Field Manager, 1717 Fabry Rd. SE, Salem, Oregon 97306 by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on December 3rd, 2015. The regulations do not authorize the acceptance of protests in any form other than a signed, written hard copy that is delivered to the physical address of the advertising BLM office. A written protest electronically transmitted (e.g. email, facsimile, or social media) will not be accepted as a protest. The planned timber sale date is December 16th, 2015. For additional information, contact John Huston at (503) 315-5969.

Sincerely,

John Huston
Field Manager, Cascades Resource Area