

Grants Pass
Daily Courier

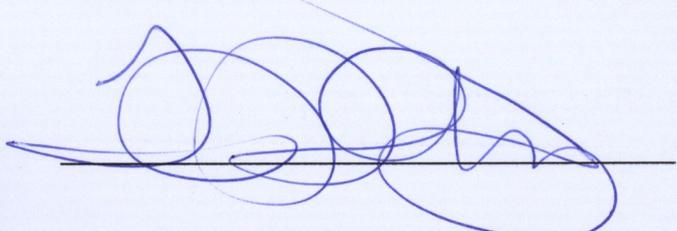
P.O. Box 1468, 409 S.E. 7th Street • Grants Pass, Oregon 97528

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

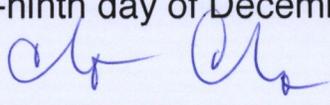
State of Oregon)
County of Josephine) ss.

I, Tamara Stuebing, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am a manager of Courier Publishing Co., printer of the Grants Pass Daily Courier, a newspaper of general circulation, as defined by ORS 193.010 and 193.020; printed and published at Grants Pass, in the aforesaid county and state; that the LEGAL NOTICE, a printed copy of which is herein enclosed, was published in the entire issue of said paper, for one insertion, on the following date:

December 29, 2015.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this
twenty-ninth day of December, 2015.



Notary Public of Oregon

My commission expires the twenty fifth day of
March, 2019.



LEGAL NOTICE

**OF SCOPING PERIOD FOR THE COLD ELK FOREST
MANAGEMENT PROJECT
USDI - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MEDFORD DISTRICT
GRANTS PASS FIELD OFFICE
JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON**

The Grants Pass Field Office is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will document potential effects of the Cold Elk Forest Management project within policies set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The planning area is located within sections of Township 31 South, Range 8 West; Township 32 South, Range 8 West; Township 31 South, Range 9 West; Township 32 South, Range 9 West; and Township 32 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian.

The Grants Pass Field Office is proposing activities within the planning area designated as Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. Potential treatments include variable density thinning, understory reduction and roadside treatments. Forest types being considered for treatment include mixed conifer stands ranging from 40 to 250 years old. Harvest operations needed to accomplish the project objectives would include tractor, cable and helicopter logging. Existing roads would be utilized where possible, and new road construction may be proposed to access harvest units. The purpose of this project is to achieve multiple resource goals within the Matrix and Riparian Reserves set forth by the Medford District RMP, Record of Decision, 1995.

Please submit your written comments to Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, 97526 by February 5, 2016. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., closed on holidays. Project information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/BLMePlanning-ColdElk>.

A public meeting will be held on January 27, 2016 at the Grants Pass Interagency Office from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The meeting will provide members of the public an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the project. For more information about the meeting, please visit the website above or call Leah Schofield, Planning and Environmental Coordinator at (541) 471-6504.

Those who provide comments or display an interest during this scoping period will be notified when the Environmental Assessment for this project is ready for public review.

No. 00361001 - December 29, 2015