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1792/5400 (ORC040)
DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2016-0006-CX
Slater Gust Salvage Project Categorical Exclusion

July 28, 2016

Dear Citizen:

The BLM has completed the Slater Gust Salvage Categorical Exclusion (DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2016-0006-CX). The BLM is choosing to remove downed trees over approximately 11 acres, located in the General Forest Management Area Land Use Allocation within the Slater Creek-Middle Fork Coquille River 6th field watershed. No harvest activities would occur in the Riparian Reserves Land Use Allocation. The salvage would occur through a timber sale contract. The BLM has posted the Slater Gust Salvage Categorical Exclusion and a Decision Rationale document on the BLM ePlanning site: <http://1.usa.gov/1svdCFY>.

The Decision Rationale document describes a forest management decision; which is subject to protest by the public. In accordance with Forest Management Regulations under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 Administrative Remedies, protests of this decision may be filed with the authorized officer, Kathy Westenskow, within 15 days of the publication date of the notice of decision/timber sale advertisement in The World newspaper, Coos Bay, Oregon.

For further information, contact Racheal Jones at 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend OR, 97459 or (541) 756-0100, or by e-mail at BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov, ATTN: Racheal Jones

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathy Westenskow
Kathy Westenskow
Myrtlewood Field Manager



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DECISION RATIONALE

For the

Slater Gust Salvage Timber Sale (ORC00-TS-2016.0032) Lone Pine Environmental Assessment

Decision

The Myrtlewood Field Office, Coos Bay District Bureau of Land Management, is choosing to offer the *Slater Gust Salvage* timber sale, which consists of salvaging approximately 11 acres of blowdown, located in the General Forest Management Area Land Use Allocation, as described in the Slater Gust Salvage Categorical Exclusion Review (DOI-BLM-ORWA-C040-2016-0006-CX). No harvest activities would occur in the Riparian Reserves Land Use Allocation.

Decision Rationale

Myrtlewood Field Office resource specialists reviewed the proposed salvage project and determined there will be no extraordinary circumstances as described under 43 CFR 46.215 resulting from implementation of the Slater Gust Salvage project. The Slater Gust Salvage project is in conformance with the 1995 Coos Bay District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP), as supplemented and amended. The 1995 ROD/RMP specifically directs to:

- Provide for salvage harvest of timber killed or managed by events such as wildfire, windstorms, insects, or disease, consistent with management objectives of other resources (p. 52).

Based on the Slater Gust Salvage Categorical Exclusion Review and the 1995 ROD/RMP direction, I have determined that the proposed action is appropriate and involves no significant impact to the human environment; no further analysis is required.

Administrative Remedies

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 under 43 CFR Subpart 5003 Administrative Remedies, protests of this decision may be filed with the authorized officer, Kathy Westenskow, within 15 days of the publication date of the notice of decision/timber sale advertisement in *The World* newspaper, Coos Bay, Oregon.

43 CFR 5003.3(b) states: "Protests shall be filed with the authorized officer and would contain a written statement of reasons for protesting the decision." This precludes the acceptance of electronic mail (email) or facsimile (fax) protests. Only written and signed hard copies of protests that are delivered to the Coos Bay district office will be accepted. The protest must clearly and concisely state which portion or element of the decision is being protested and the reasons why the decision is believed to be in error.

43 CFR 5003.3(c) states: "Protests received more than 15 days after the publication of the notice of decision or the notice of sale are not timely filed and shall not be considered." Upon timely filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the project decision to be implemented in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information to her. The authorized officer shall, at the conclusion of the review, serve the protest decision in writing to the protesting party(ies). Upon denial of a protest, the authorized officer may proceed with the implementation of the decision as permitted by regulations under 5003.3(f).

If no protest is received by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) within 15 days after publication of the decision notice, this decision will become final. If a timely protest is received, the project decision will be reconsidered in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available, and the Coos Bay district office will issue a protest decision.

For further information contact Racheal Jones at 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459; by phone at (541) 756-0100; or by email at BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov, Attn: Racheal Jones.

Decision Approved by:

/s/ Kathy Westenskow

July 28, 2016

Kathy Westenskow
Myrtlewood Field Manager

Date