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Jungle Gem Thinning Decision Record (DR)
CX # DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2013-0005-CX

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District has made a decision to harvest 50 acres of 73 year old forest stands in the Cascades Field Office via commercial thinning. The project will be implemented as the Jungle Gem Timber Sale. Other actions include approximately 0.32 acres of temporary road construction that will be decommissioned after operations are complete and three, one acre low density thinning patches will be created to encourage early-seral vegetation and wildlife habitat diversity. One to two trees per acre will be girdled to accelerate additional snags for wildlife habitat improvement.

The Jungle Gem Timber Sale consists of two units documented in the *Jungle Gem Thinning Categorical Exclusion (CX)* (CX # DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2013-0005-CX) and the associated project file.

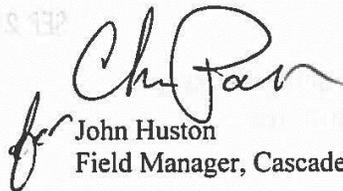
A copy of the Jungle Gem Thinning CX and Decision Record (DR) is available at our Salem District Office, at the above address and can be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/JungleGemThinning>. The Jungle Gem CX and DR will be filed under the Documents section of the project page.

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 *The Molalla Pioneer* newspaper on or around September 28th, 2016. 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 October 12th, 2016.

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 Jungle Gem Timber Sale date is October 26th, 2016. For additional information, contact John Huston at (503) 315-5969.

Sincerely,


John Huston
Field Manager, Cascades Field Office

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