

# CHAPTER 4 – CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Forest Service consulted with the following individuals, Federal, State, and local agencies, tribes and non-Forest Service persons during the development of this environmental assessment:

## Federal, State, and Local Agencies

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mid-Columbia Field Office  
Oregon Department of Forestry  
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

### Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

No consultation was necessary.

### Consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

The effects to spotted owls for this project were consulted on with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through formal consultation on FY 2007-2008 activities within the Willamette province that have the potential to adversely affect spotted owls due to habitat modification and disturbance (FWS reference: 1-7-06-F-0179). The conclusion by the US Fish and Wildlife Service is that these projects are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the spotted owl or result in the destruction or adverse modification of spotted owl critical habitat.

The full reference is: Biological Opinion for Effects to Northern Spotted Owls (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) from the Willamette Planning Province Fiscal Year 2007 – 2008 activities that have the potential to adversely affect, due to habitat modification and disturbance, on U.S. Department of the Interior; Bureau of Land Management, Eugene District and Salem District, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mt. Hood National Forest, Willamette National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (FWS Reference Number 1-7-06-F-0179).

### Consultation with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

The National Historic Preservation Act requires consideration be given to the potential effect of federal undertakings on historic resources. This includes historic and precontact cultural resource sites. The guidelines for assessing effects and for consultation are provided in 36 CFR 800. To implement these guidelines, Region 6 of the Forest Service entered an agreement in 2003 with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In accordance with the agreement, surveys of The North Fork Mill Creek project area have been conducted. Based on the results of the surveys, a No Effect determination has been made for the Proposed Action (Alternative

II). The SHPO has been consulted as to the determinations made and had no objections with this finding.

Cultural resource surveys were conducted on a planning area scale and documented in Heritage Resource Report 2008/0606060/0012. Survey methodology was conducted in accordance with the 2004 agreement between Region 6 of the Forest Service, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP).

## **Tribes**

The North Fork Mill Creek Restoration Opportunities planning area that is on National Forest System lands is located on usual and accustomed land for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (as is all of the Mt. Hood National Forest). The Treaty of 1855 granted the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS) the right of “usual and accustomed” gathering of traditional native plants and “special interest” use. According to the Ethnographic Study of the Mt. Hood National Forest (French et al. 1995), no traditional use areas have been identified in this planning area. No activities are proposed that would preclude any granted rights. Fieldwork by the Interdisciplinary Team has revealed that huckleberries exist in only occasional small, isolated patches throughout the area and do not offer any significant potential for enhancement. There are no other known traditional native plant communities within the proposed project area. Therefore, the proposal to implement fuels reduction project would not have any adverse affect on members of the CTWS.

Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation was consulted on this project and did not raise any issues with the proposed project. Communication with the tribe can be found in the project record.

## **Others**

Wolf Run Ditch Company  
City of The Dalles Watershed  
Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Oregon Wild  
Backcountry Horsemen  
SDS Lumber Company  
Mill Creek Bob Collaborative Group

A complete list of those individuals and interest groups who received information regarding this proposal can be found in the project file.

## List of Preparers

The following is a list of Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) members who assisted in the development of the Environmental Assessment.

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