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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Salem District Office 1717 Fabry Road S.E. Salem, Oregon 97306



Little Chair Salvage CX
DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2015-0001-CX

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering a timber salvage project in the Cascades Resource Area of the Salem District. The proposed project would involve the harvest of dead and dying trees on approximately 35-50 acres of BLM land burned by the 36 Pit Fire. National Environmental Policy Act compliance will be completed through one Categorical Exclusion: *Little Chair Salvage CX*.

The 36 Pit fire began September 13th, 2014 in a rock pit on Forest Service (USFS) land east of Estacada, Oregon. Approximately 5,500 acres burned, which included USFS, BLM and private timber land. Approximately 1,311 acres of forest burned of various intensities on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in both the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations (LUA). The Little Chair project is in the North and Lower Clackamas Watersheds approximately 5 miles east of the City of Estacada in Clackamas County, Oregon.

The proposed salvage units are located within Sections 7, 18, 20, and 30 of Township 4 South, Range 5 East, Willamette Meridian (see enclosed map). No salvage harvest would occur within the Riparian Reserve LUA, or within the Clackamas Wild and Scenic River Corridor. Related activities being considered are constructing up to 0.10 miles of new roads to provide access for logging; decommissioning or closing and stabilizing new roads after logging, maintaining and/or renovating existing roads, improving or replacing culverts, fuels treatment and reforestation.

You have been identified as someone who might have specific knowledge or interest in this area. The purpose of this letter is to give you an opportunity to share any information or concerns you may have about the project.

The enclosed map shows the locations of the potential harvest units and may be found on the Salem District website at http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/plans/index.php. A Project Comment Form is also enclosed. I would appreciate your written comments by March 20th, 2015.

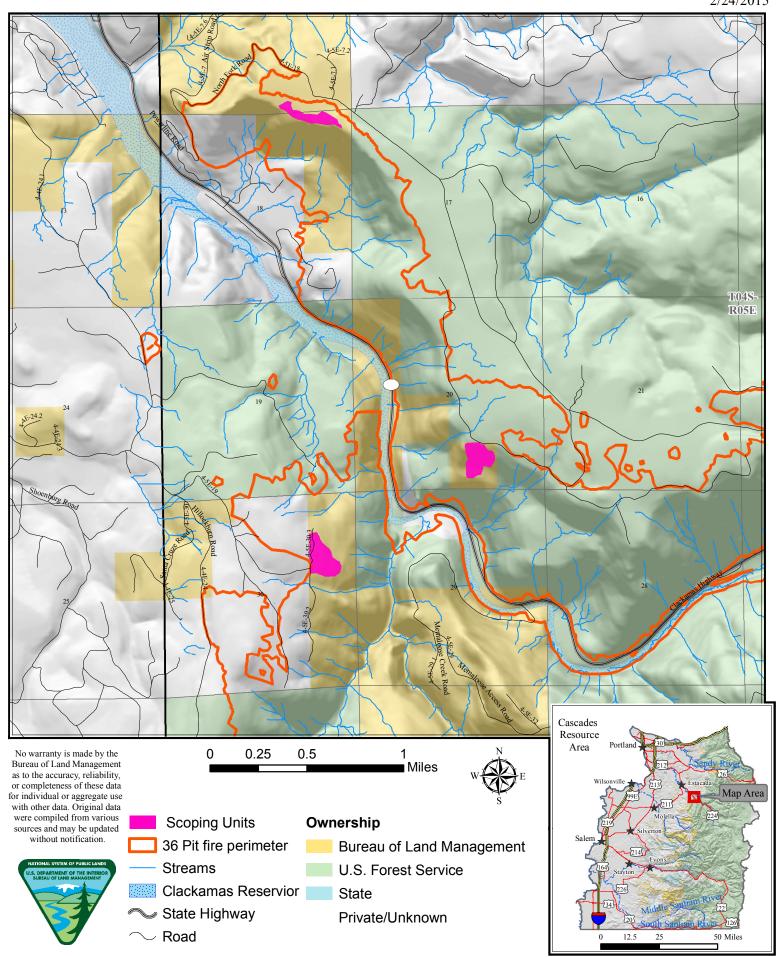
If you have any questions about this project please contact Alisa Tanner at (503) 589-6844 or by email to atanner@blm.gov. Written comments may be sent to John Huston, Cascades Field Manager, BLM – Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306 or submitted by email to ihuston@blm.gov.

Sincerely.

John Huston

Cascades Resource Area Field Manager

Note: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays and may be published as part of environmental analysis documents or related correspondence. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.



Little Chair Salvage Project Comment Form

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Representing	Telephone _	
Do you want to be added to the mailing list	for this project? _	Yes No
Comments:		

Please feel free to enclose additional sheets if needed.

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