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Hole in the Road Timber Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA)  
EA # DOI-BLM-ORWA-S040-2016-0001-EA

Dear Interested Public:

The Cascades Field Office has completed the *Hole in the Road Timber Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)*. This EA is currently available for review. The EA analyzes one project area located on BLM-administered lands in Township 7 South, Range 3 East, Sections 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, and 27, W.M. in Clackamas County, Oregon. The project area is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Molalla, Oregon.

The EA analyzes the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Under the Proposed Action, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct commercial thinning of approximately 342 acres of 42 to 137 year old forest stands within the Matrix Land Use Allocation (LUA) as well as approximately 12 acres of 42 to 116 year old forest stands within the Riparian Reserve LUA. Within the 342 acres under the Proposed Action, 64 acres of commercial thinning is located within the Molalla River Segment B Suitable Recreational Wild and Scenic River corridor. The Proposed Action would have associated connected actions, including low density thinning, new road construction, existing road maintenance, existing road renovation, road decommissioning, road stabilization and closure, culvert installation/replacement, and fuels treatments.

The EA and draft FONSI, including maps, are available for public review at the Northwest Oregon District BLM Office at the above address or online at ePlanning project webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/HoleInTheRoad>. Please send written comments on the EA to Chris Papen, Natural Resources Staff Administrator, BLM Northwest Oregon District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, 97306. Comments may also be sent via email to [cpapen@blm.gov](mailto:cpapen@blm.gov), faxed to (503) 375-5622 or submitted via the ePlanning project webpage under the "Documents" section on the left side of the webpage. The comment period on this EA will end on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the same time as the EA during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions, please contact Alisa Tanner, Cascades Field Office Forester, by phone at (503) 589-6844 or via email: [atanner@blm.gov](mailto:atanner@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Huston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.Handwritten initials "JH" in black ink, positioned to the left of the typed name.

John Huston  
Field Manager, Cascades Field Office