

To: Dan Thorpe, District Forester, Southwest Oregon District

From: Chris Rudd, Management Unit Forester

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Date: June 22, 2009

Re: Approved Annual Operations Plan for 2010

The 2010 State Forests Annual Operations Plan for the Southwest Oregon District is attached for your information. During my review of this plan, I have found that it is consistent with the Southwest Oregon State Forests Management Plan, the current District Implementation Plan, and the 2010 Annual Operations Planning Standards and Guidance memorandum.

There are three sales this year and one alternate sale: Raspberry Mountain No. 3 is in Curry County and has the potential to raise \$584,000 for the Common School Fund if it will command a price of \$265 per thousand board feet (MBF). Exit 80 Thin is also a CSL sale that has the potential to raise \$56,000 at \$112/MBF. Perkins Creek North could potentially raise \$59,000 at \$147/MBF. The alternate sale is Savage Creek Thin which may be used to replace regular sales that cannot be completed as planned.

This annual operations plan covers proposed forest management activities for fiscal year 2010. During its preparation, this plan was reviewed by technical specialists from within the department and biologists from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and USFWS. Their comments were received verbally and in writing (written comments are on file at the district office). The draft annual operations plan also underwent a 45-day public comment period. One public comment was received on the Exit 80 Thin timber sale.

Approval of this plan does not constitute final approval of individual project details. Individual timber sales are subject to additional review processes at the district and program staff level before approval for auction. The operations described in this plan may be modified during the final preparation and/or implementation. Modifications to these operations will conform to the process included in the draft Annual Operations Planning Directive.

The official copy of this Annual Operations Plan will be on file at the district office. Additional copies are available at the State Forests Program office in Salem, and is also available on the ODF web site at: http://oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/planning.shtml

APPROVED:



Dan Thorpe, District Forester, Southwest Oregon



Date