

EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR TOUR

Tour: October 8-9th, 2024





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FOREST OPERATOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This directive establishes guidelines for the Forest Practices Forest Operator Recognition Program.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. To publicly recognize operators that consistently exceed the Oregon Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
- B. To improve public understanding of the Forest Practices Act and its accomplishments.

AUTHORITY: ORS 527.630 It is the "...policy of the State of Oregon to encourage economically efficient forest practices that assure the continuous growing and harvesting of forest tree species and the maintenance of forestland for such purposes as the leading use on privately owned land, consistent with sound management of soil, air, water, fish and wildlife resources and scenic resources within visually sensitive corridors...."

SCOPE: This directive is to be applied statewide.

STANDARDS:

- A. Levels of Recognition (or categories).
 - 1. Forest Operator of the Year. The Oregon State Board of Forestry will present three "Forest Practices Forest Operator of the Year" awards to operators selected by each of the three regional Forest Practice committees. Selected operators will be individuals/companies that consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 2. Merit Awards. Merit award winners shall be selected from Forest Operator of the Year nominees. Winners must consistently exceed the Forest Practices Act and Forest Practice rules.
 - 3. Letters of Commendation. Districts should give Letters of Commendation to operators that have shown concern for the environment during an operation, regardless of the degree of operation difficulty or past operator performance.



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- B. Size of Operation to Recognize. Any size operation may be recognized.
- C. Type of Operation to Recognize. Either companies, contractors or individuals may be recognized. Awards are not limited to harvesting operations. Generally, landowners will not be considered for recognition as operators except in cases where the landowner is conducting the operation.
- D. Nomination Screening Criteria. Only operators who meet the following criteria will be considered for Operator of the Year or merit awards.
 - 1. Consistency of the Operator. The operator can be counted upon to consistently do an outstanding job.

"Consistently" is defined as no violations of the Forest Practices Act within the last two years, and recognition by the Forest Practices forester of "exceeding rules" often. "Exceeds" is defined to mean that the operator prevents resource damage, and results go beyond the rules and the minimum required results.
 - 2. Degree of Difficulty. The operator faced a difficult operation. (For example, most operators could do a good job on flat ground with no running streams involved.)
 - 3. Innovation and Extra Effort. The operator used innovations, extra effort or other creative solutions in conducting operations while protecting or enhancing resources.
 - 4. Results. The operator achieved resource protection results on the ground which exceed the intent of the rules, or otherwise enhanced protected resources as described in Board of Forestry policy.
 - 5. Financial Risk. The operator assumed some financial risk in conducting the operation. (Money, time, or equipment, as opposed to the landowner paying the operator for cost plus profit.)



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STANDARDS: (Cont.)

- E. Weighing Factors. Operators who met all the nomination criteria will be considered for recognized Operator of the Year awards. The operator may have done an excellent job on one operation, but adequate at other times. In such cases, the operator should be considered for a Letter of Commendation or a Merit Award. The operator who consistently does an excellent job of exceeding the Act on several operations (either the same or different types of operations) should be considered for regional Forest Operator of the Year. An operator who does an excellent job on a few operations can still be nominated for regional Forest Operator of the Year, but more weight would go to the operator that does an excellent job on several operations.
- F. Number of Awards.
1. Forest Operator of the Year -- One award each for the Eastern Oregon, Southwest Oregon, and Northwest Oregon Forest Practices Regions.
 2. Merit Awards -- No more than one award per district except when the area director believes circumstances warrant otherwise.
 3. Letters of Commendation -- No limit.

OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

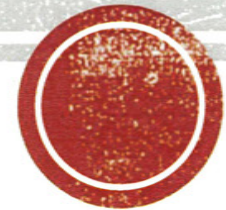
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CONSISTENCY	20	
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STOP #1

GREEN DIAMOND RESOURCE COMPANY

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

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2024 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: ***Operator of the Year / Merit Award***

REGION (NW/SW/East): East

DISTRICT: Klamath-Lake

NOMINATED BY: Kevin Burdon & Kasey Johnson

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo)
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Operation Information (*Operation as example of work with RFPC tour*)

Activities: Harvest (X) Site Prep (X) Reforestation (X) Road Construction ()
Stand Management (X) Other (X) Post-fire Stream restoration; wetland
restoration; landscape fuels reduction planning/implementation; FPA stream surveys, fire
suppression; Partner engagement; Resource protections

Date of Operation(s): 2014 - Present

NOAP No.

Site Preparation	Stand Mgmt.; Harvest & Biomass Laydown/Removal	Stream/Riparian area and Habitat Enhancement
2022-981-11050 2022-982-10768 2022-981-11047 2023-982-10029 2023-981-09987 2024-981-06342	2018-981-00414 2022-981-00049 2023-981-02164 2023-981-00699 2023-981-00698 2023-982-00864 2023-981-07684 2024-981-07278	2023-982-01843 2023-982-01818 2024-982-07319 2024-982-08086 2024-982-08352 2024-982-08071
PFAP and WPs	Landscape fuels reduction planning/mapping	Partner Engagement
2023-982-01836 2023-982-10156	2023-982-00604 2023-982-08491 2023-982-09190	2023-982-04778 2024-981-08070 2024-982-08474

Included in nomination packet.

Location of Operations (Legal Desc & Landmark):

The operations occurred primarily across the Klamath-Lake District in Lake and Klamath counties; a majority of these actions occur within the Klamath Watershed, while a subset of these projects are within neighboring watersheds (closed lakes basin of Silver Lake and Chewaucan river watersheds). These projects occurred on Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo) ground, as well as neighboring non-industrial private forest land. Management blocks where this work occurred are often referred to as: Long Bell (T32R12); Camp 6 (T34R14); Currier (T32R15); Chewaucan (T34R17); Mitchel Monument (T36R16); Camp 4 (T40R05); Aspen Lake (T38R07); Antelope Desert (T28R07); these legal townships/ranges are a general vicinity reference, for which activities occurred across GDRCo ownership within these areas. The associated notifications have the more specific activity locations.

General Description of Operation(s):

Over the course of the last 10 years, GDRCo has consistently been a key partner and player within the management of forests across the Klamath-Lake District. The operations that Green Diamond has been involved with have covered many different facets of eastern Oregon forest management, consisting of, but not limited to: fuels reduction & forest health via commercial and non-commercial activities (with consideration of impacts to neighboring properties); vision to transition acquired plantations into mixed age and tree species stands; reforestation pipeline, on their own ground and assistance to neighboring non-industrial private forest owners and partners; active management for ecological benefit within and adjacent to RMAs; as well as landscape scale project engagement (pre and post-fire efforts).

Within the green forest tracts (those not impacted by wildfire) that GDRCo owns, actions are consistently taken to meet and exceed the Oregon FPA. When required, written plans have consistently been discussed with the local stewardship foresters, with actions exceeding the minimum requirements within the FPA. Similarly, when PFAPs are a component of management actions, these too are discussed in detail with the relevant stewardship forester, for the appropriateness for both the operation(s), and ecological impact(s) associated. A main focus of their management within their green forest tracts are actions carried out to promote and facilitate increased species diversity and age cohorts within the plantations they inherited with the acquisition of these lands. Similarly, many of their commercial activities are also based on current fuel loading (live fuel loads associated with green plantations), and the impact and relevance to neighboring properties in regard to forest health and wildfire risk reduction.

As it relates to the black forest tracts (impacted in recent years by stand replacing wildfire), Green Diamond has been a consistent and invaluable partner to achieving restoration. Through their efforts numerous outside partners (Klamath Watershed Partnership, Trout Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife) have been allowed access and the ability to carry out pro-active restoration projects on Green Diamond ownership. These projects range from stream and RMA associated (large log structures and additions, Beaver Dam Analogs – BDAs, and Post-Assisted Log Structures - PALS), to upland projects (fuel breaks along main roads and access areas, along with consideration of PODs – Potential Operational Delineations, and reforestation). External access and projects are often not common with industrial forest owners, however Green Diamond values the ecosystems, economies, and societal values within these forests, allowing for an increase in the amount of restoration and post-fire work accomplished within the wildfire footprints across the Klamath-Lake District, for the betterment of ecosystems, and society.

Through their proactive nature, Green Diamond also serves voluntarily on many committees and participates within many local partnership groups for the benefit of both Counties, and eastern Oregon. Participation and

engagement include, but is not limited to: Klamath Watershed Partnership (KWP) stream, wetland, aspen and upland projects; Trout Unlimited (TU) stream projects; Klamath-Lake Forest Health Partnership (KLFHP), landscape scale forest health and wildfire risk reduction projects, along with post-fire restoration and reforestation; South-Central Oregon Seed Orchard Partnership (transitioning a bare-root nursery into a multi-jurisdictional seed orchard); American Forests (AF), post-fire strategy; United State Forest Service (USFS), POD boundaries, and shared stewardship across ownership boundaries; Eastern Oregon Area, Regional Forest Practices Committee (EOA RFPC); Klamath Forest Protection Association (KFPA) board member appointments (voluntary); Spence Mtn. Advisory Committee, voluntary engagement in this committee to assist Klamath County with the management of 5,000(+) acres of County forest ownership for the uses of recreation (primary) and timber production (secondary); Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), access and habitat program providing public access to their ownership during hunting seasons; and The Klamath Tribes, for stream restoration and vegetative improvements within RMAs; as well as being a member of NAFO (National Alliance of Forest Owners), a National level organization committed to promoting sustainable working forests. This is not an exhaustive list of GDRCo engagements, however this snapshot provides a solid outlook on the consistency of their engagement to aid in Forestry and Natural Resource management within the District, and across Eastern Oregon.

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved:

Across their ownership, GRDCo has many resources of value, many warranting specific protections and management actions. In a general sense, Green Diamond always shows consistent actions in the protection of the countless miles of stream and riparian associated resources spread across their ownership. Similarly, bald eagles and other avian species, along with bull trout and other RMA associated species are present across their ownership. Actions related to bald eagle nesting sites and other aspects of their habitat are protected and promoted as it relates to operations. Related to the protection of bull trout, and their associated habitat, Green Diamond has worked in strong partnership with outside entities (Klamath Watershed Partnership, Trout Unlimited, US Fish and Wildlife, etc.) to both protect intact habitat for this species, promote additional habitat, while also working to restore or create habitat within areas impacted by wildfire (areas that have either had habitat degradation occur, or complete loss of habitat due to wildfire and water quality). The efforts of Green Diamond to engage with partnering entities in these actions demonstrates their commitment to the protection of these resources, as well as their proactive nature in creating a healthy forest ecosystem.

One aspect of resource protection that showcases Green Diamond's efforts in holistic forest management, is their commitment to wildlife habitat for wildlife species not currently listed for Federal ESA protections. Specific to their ownership within the Klamath-Lake District, Green Diamond has voluntarily committed to species and habitat protections for the Pacific Fisher. While this species is not currently listed, GDRCo has worked with Federal partners to enter into a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA), for the protection of the Pacific Fisher and their habitat. This agreement places emphasis on removing threats to their existence and habitat, while also working to promote and enhance their habitat where applicable. Additionally, this agreement also ensures that Federal Fish and Wildlife Service staff will be allowed access to their properties in relation to conservation efforts of the species. This CCAA has been in place for 5 years at present and will continue through at least 2048.

In addition to forestry work related to the protection of individual wildlife species, Green Diamond also strives to create and restore the habitat and ecosystem components associated with various protected and important resources. Actions have been taken on their lands to restore both wet and dry meadows along with wetlands, by addressing conifer encroachment (removal of commercial and non-commercial trees

within areas of encroachment based on the most applicable and appropriate science, along with appropriate and applicable WPs and PFAPs), which in turn restores those ecosystem components and simultaneously promotes wildlife habitat.

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples):

Throughout the years that Green Diamond has owned and managed their Oregon timberlands, consistent outcomes have been easy to count on. These consistent actions first appeared through the actions related to commercial tree harvest and management, but have recently transitioned to also include the management of their lands post-wildfire (which includes the endless list of post-fire restoration and recovery management actions needed).

Within their efforts related to forest management (within green forest tracts, as well as those impacted by wildfire), a consistent approach to the ground-level nuances of the Oregon FPA have always been present. When GDRCo foresters are planning and coordinating their management plans over the short and long-term timelines, conversations with the relevant Stewardship Forester have been frequent to ensure the greatest protection for resources and adherence to the FPA. Similarly, in their efforts of management, when a Written Plan (WP) is needed, these are often submitted, or discussed, far in advance of the operation being initiated; this consistent and clear communication allows for the greatest efficiencies in the protection of resources along with the operational efficiency. Additionally, some actions also require the submission of a Plan for Alternate Practice (PFAP), with these efforts also demonstrating the same level of consistency and ecological applicability as their efforts on WPs. When GDRCo carries out management actions requiring a PFAP, there is often no question from the Stewardship Forester as to the validity of the request – these PFAP submissions and the associated actions both meet and exceed the protections outlined in the FPA, with additional added benefits based on the site-specific application(s). Examples of WPs and PFAPs are available for further discussion based on the site or resource specific action if desired.

Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regard to protection of forest resources:

Across the operations that Green Diamond has carried out and partnered upon, there is a wide range of complexity associated. On the more difficult end, considerations can range from: low commercial value; T&E species presence (bald eagles, bull trout, etc); fire season and wildfires; with the most prevalent being RMAs and their associated protections for commercial harvest. Green Diamond has a proven record of addressing highly difficult situations with consistent protection for the resources associated within their operations.

One of the greatest difficulties that Green Diamond faces is managing 600,000(+) acres of forest land, within Klamath and Lake counties, given the numerous impacts of climate change. Across their ownership, tens of thousands of acres have burned in stand replacing events. As salvage logging, and general reforestation are carried out, careful considerations are needed as to what is ecologically appropriate, as well as economically appropriate for the continued management of these forest tracts over the next 100(+) years. Within these efforts, GDRCo foresters work closely with Stewardship Foresters to navigate the reforestation process in areas currently the most impacted and threatened by climate change, as well as considerations for these areas over the next 100(+) years. These discussions relate to the proper stocking levels and species for reforestation efforts, for the current conditions, as well as the conditions that may be present over the next 100(+) years. Many of the forested acres that Green Diamond manages were put into production management under a different climatic regime (one of cooler, and more moist conditions, facilitating forests

in areas that are now highly marginal for forest production). As a result of these conditions GDRCo has been part of numerous partnership efforts to maintain the forests across their ownership, while being highly considerate for what the future holds.

Through these efforts of partnership associated with reforestation, GDRCo has provided strong support to one of the more difficult tasks faced within the District – reforestation post-wildfire. Beyond the internal difficulties of managing their forests over the next 100(+) years, GDRCo has also been instrumental in assistance to partners and neighbors in their efforts of reforestation – a highly difficult endeavor in south-central Oregon, given the limited resources and seedling survival difficulties. In 2023 and 2024, GDRCo assisted the Klamath Watershed Partnership (a non-profit entity working to assist numerous landowners over a wide geography), as well as neighbors directly adjacent to their ownership, with their efforts in reforestation in addition to their own reforestation. This traditionally would be a straight forward process for a timber company, however given the lack of supporting infrastructure within the region, GDRCo filled a very difficult niche in coordinating and facilitating reforestation across numerous private land owners (sometimes those that were not immediately adjacent to their lands). Through these efforts, GDRCo provided storage and transport of seedlings, as well as providing access and coordination of planting crews GDRCo had secured for their own planting efforts (i.e. lending their contractors to partners to assist in reforestation). The difficulty within this component is the coordination needed to reforest numerous disjunct forest parcels across multiple landowners and wildfires (242 and Bootleg), in coordination with their own reforestation efforts.

Regardless of the forest management actions needed, Green Diamond has shown a proven track record of addressing difficult situations with the utmost respect for the resources concerned, as well as those of their neighbors. Through the numerous site-specific situations that GDRCo has faced within their management, they have shown their reliability in addressing difficult situations with desired outcomes in regard to Oregon FPA, as well as local societal values.

Describe how the operator was **Innovative/Extra Efforts** (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

Given the wildfire events over the last 5(+) years, GDRCo has needed to be agile and willing to adjust their forecasted management actions. As a result of this, they have also needed to be innovative in their approach and response to these events. Many of the innovative and extra efforts they have carried out, have been carried out in conjunction with numerous partners working across Klamath and Lake counties. Extra efforts and innovation have been within both forest types they manage (forest types being those that are still green, and those included within wildfire footprints).

In line with both innovation and extra effort Green Diamond has partnered with the Klamath Watershed Partnership, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, as well as ODF to validate stream presence across ecologically significant blocks of their ownership. These efforts were initiated years before the updates to the Oregon FPA (and associated streams data), such that an accurate and reflective dataset for the streams within their ownership was the intended goal, and realized outcome. Given the dynamic nature of the geology and associated hydrology across their ownership, ensuring that the streams layer was accurate and reflected the on-the-ground conditions, would provide for the greatest protection of the resources, while simultaneously ensuring consistency in their management of streams and associated RMAs across their ownership. These actions were completely voluntary on behalf of GDRCo given the role of the stream layer used in association with NOAPs. Through the innovation to validate pre-existing data sets, along with the extra effort of allowing and coordinating priority streams and blocks, GDRCo helped to verify the greatest

and most appropriate levels of protection were in place for various streams as it relates to current and future management actions.

Additionally, as discussed within the Difficulty section of this nomination, the role that GDRCo has played for non-industrial forest owners and the partners they work with related to reforestation, has been a supreme example of extra effort carried out by a timber company. The role they have played, and continue to play within the geography of Klamath and Lake counties, will benefit the forests of this area for decades to come, along with the associated benefits of healthy and intact forest ecosystems. Furthermore, GDRCo is a key player in the discussion to develop a multi-entity seed orchard within the local region. They have offered to convert an older bare-root nursery into a seed production orchard, for the benefit of all forest owners within Klamath and Lake counties (private industrial and non-industrial, USFS as well as BLM), in the effort to address the current and consistent issue of seed availability for post-fire reforestation and restoration. Their participation in this process is crucial, while their willingness to allow this partnership to utilize their land and infrastructure is invaluable.

Additional extra efforts carried out by Green Diamond relate to the numerous partnerships (planning as well as implementation of), committees and other groups they participate in. These groups range from local (Klamath & Lake counties), to regional as well as national in relation to forest and natural resource management and conservation. Employees of the company participate within groups geared towards local efforts in Klamath-Lake District for forest health and wildfire risk reduction. Similarly, these partnerships have facilitated innovation on their account as it relates to implementation of PODS (Potential Operation Delineations, not commonly applied or carried out on timber company property) for wildfire protection within both green and post-fire (112 miles of road clearing within Bootleg) landscapes, as well as specific fuel breaks for the protection of resources and communities of the area. Similarly, GDRCo staff support Klamath County in their efforts of managing 5,000(+) acres of forest land, by serving on the advisory committee for these efforts. Engagement with the Eastern Oregon Forest Practices Committee as a committee member has helped forest owners within Klamath & Lake counties, as well as all of eastern Oregon by being a conduit for real time discussion on changes and the associated impacts related to forest management and the FPA; this discussion occurs in both directions with information being brought to the local level, as well as information from the local level being elevated to this committee.

One of the most consistent aspects of extra-effort carried out by GDRCo and their staff, relate to the countless hours and resources they have provided during fire season (in a general sense) as well as during active incidents. During fire season, GDRCo is in continual communication with ODF (along with Federal counterparts) on the weekly status of active operations and equipment availability (equipment of the company and contractors); this communication is geared towards providing the closest and quickest available response of resources in the event of a wildfire. During large incidents, GDRCo staff and resources have been instrumental in the suppression of these events. GDRCo overhead staff are at each IMT briefing, and available at all times to discuss logistical and operational aspects associated with their ownership and resources – this ranges from fuels/vegetation within their ownership (reference to suppression operational feasibility), to local knowledge on topography and other impacts to fire behavior such as weather, as well as access and hazard situations, and resource availability (both machinery and personnel).

In terms of innovation GDRCo is constantly engaged in efforts to provide local options and opportunities for innovative ways in which to manage forests in South-Central Oregon. The innovative actions they carry out fall in line with all of the previous management components included in this nomination. Innovation includes but is not limited to: partner engagement (involvement with numerous partnerships, committees, and natural resource groups and partners); stream and riparian management (pre and post-wildfire), as well as

stream type and classification field validation; habitat management (stream and upland), with special consideration of T&E species and their habitat; reforestation via partnerships and direct reforestation actions, carried out on their own lands were innovation lies with the species and stocking levels planted, as well as assistance to their neighbors and partners; along with harvest planning and innovation given the recent changes to the FPA.

Describe **Results** in resource protection and forest management benefits:

The results of the forest management actions taken by Green Diamond, are demonstrated through this nomination for Operator of the Year. Given the continual actions and partnerships that GDRCo engages with, a nomination could have been warranted for any one specific aspect of their management, however, as demonstrated in this nomination GDRCo produces sound and appropriate results for the many different aspect of forest management that they engage with.

More pointedly, the lack of Unsatisfactory Condition(s) or Citations written for their operations points to their adherence to the FPA, along with adherence to components present within a WP or PFAP (which are often innovative and require extra efforts to carry out). Similarly, the sheer number of partnerships as well as committees in which they associate demonstrates the credibility they have within the forest management and natural resources community in regard carrying out sound and appropriate management for the benefit of clean air, water, soils, and forest products.

Describe the **Financial Risk assumed by the operator** as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

As it relates to the financial risk associated with the operations carried out by GDRCo, this cannot be easily summarized. On one end of this spectrum, owning forest land in eastern Oregon in-and-of-itself is a financial risk, which has been demonstrated via the tens of thousands of post-wildfire acres spread across their ownership. In line with this concept, many of their actions related to reforestation are at a continual financial risk (given the ever increasing presence of stand replacing wildfire). Similarly, their efforts to adjust forest management within the confines of a rapidly changing climate, both in terms of harvest projections and reforestation success (i.e. sustainable supplies of timber), put them in a financially risky situation.

Not one specific management action stands out as a financial risk for Green Diamond. The efforts and management actions they take help to prevent financial risk, however the biggest risk they face financially relates to an increase in post-fire acreage on their ownership, as well as the costs and potential for success of associated reforestation. While this does pose a risk to their efforts and management, they are still willing to carry out the actions most appropriate for each specific site, and for the betterment of forest ecosystems across Klamath and Lake counties.

OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

Overall, GDRCo is a key and critical forest owner and operator to have present across the Klamath-Lake District. Their sound management of forest ecosystems within the District, provides countless benefits for society, wildlife, and the ecosystems themselves. Additionally, the role they have played, and continue to play in shared stewardship and being a good neighbor have been invaluable both in pre-wildfire conditions and those related to post-wildfire restoration and recovery. This nomination could have been focused towards any one specific operation that GDRCo has carried out, however, sharing the breadth of engagement

and operations they carry out and participate within, serves as a better demonstration of why they are nominated and deserving of the Eastern Oregon Area, Operator of the Year award.

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Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for operators history and experiences:

- NOAP
- Written Plan/PFAP
- Location Map
- Operation Map
- Aerial Photo
- Photographs of operation/activities/efforts/etc.
- Letters of Reference/Support
- Any additional documents to support nomination
 - Other landowners
 - Other agencies involved with the nominee on projects
 - Other ODF staff
 - Neighbors/community (ie. Mayor of city or neighbors next to op that have input, etc.)

Nominations are due to the Area (Assistant to the Area Director) on Thursday June 27th, 2024. Please cc Greg.Wagenblast@odf.Oregon.gov



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June 24, 2024

Re: Nomination of Green Diamond Resource Company for Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Klamath Watershed Partnership (KWP), I would like to extend our support for the nomination of Green Diamond Resource Company for the Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year. KWP is the Watershed Council for the Upper Klamath Basin and has worked with Green Diamond for the last nine years on numerous projects across the Basin to protect, enhance, and restore watershed resources.

As the largest private landowner in Klamath County, Green Diamond's management of their lands has an impact across the landscape, from water quality and quantity, to wildfire risk, forest health, and wildlife habitat. Prior to, and outside of the wildfires in our area, Green Diamond has been an active partner with KWP and others to protect aquatic resources. Miles of fence have been installed to restrict or exclude cattle grazing in riparian areas. Given the marginal value of timber across their Oregon ownership, grazing leases are an important factor in Green Diamond's bottom line, and this change in access and grazeable acres represents an ecologically responsible action that increases financial risk for their operations.

Since 2018, KWP has worked with Green Diamond, ODF, and ODFW in collecting data and providing corrections to the state's stream classification database. Again, as a key landowner, Green Diamond's engagement in this process provided critical access across hundreds of miles of streams, which allowed a comprehensive assessment of fish and stream presence in arguably the most challenging watersheds to characterize by modelling. This ground-based effort has shown to provide the most accurate data to protect aquatic resources and provide time and cost savings for ODF and private landowners.

Following the wildfires of 2020 and 2021, Green Diamond has transcended the role of responsible timber land manager to become our most progressive and valuable restoration partner. Soon after the Bootleg Fire of 2021 was out, they were on the ground, touring with various agencies and NGOs to discuss restoration priorities and practices. They immediately opened up opportunities for partners to conduct critical stream and slope stabilization practices, and to rebuild riparian fences that had been destroyed. They collaboratively planned the clearing of road hazard trees along more than 112 miles that will keep roads open for the public, restoration partners, and emergency responders, and will serve as PODs in the future. Although grant funding has paid for their implementation

of these practices, Green Diamond has contributed hundreds of hours of planning and administration.

Reforestation has been one of the most impactful activities that Green Diamond has supported and conducted across these wildfires. Our restoration community was largely unprepared and unskilled in reforestation, and the lack of seedlings and resources meant that most non-industrial private landowners may have faced loss of their forests for decades. In the 242 Fire, Green Diamond has provided donated seedlings, in-kind support for seedling storage and handling, technical support to restoration planners, and administrative support for planting crews for three years. In the Bootleg, where no seed was publicly available for those seed zones, Green Diamond has partnered to provide seed/seedlings and planting crews for private land planting at a highly reduced rate. They have also worked with restoration partners to reforest and plant other native vegetation in riparian areas in critical watersheds. Their engagement and support, combined with that of ODF, has meant that more nonindustrial private lands acres have been planted in these fires than public lands. In addition, Green Diamond has planted more than 35,000 acres of their burned land with considerations for species diversity and long-term successful forest regeneration. The landscape impacts of Green Diamond's reforestation efforts and support mean that our watersheds will recover faster than any other single player's effort in post-fire restoration.

The work of Green Diamond Resource Company as a forest land manager, operator, collaborator, and restoration partner exemplifies the qualities that are recognized by the Operator of the Year award. The forests and aquatic resources of the Klamath Basin are inherently tied to their operations and the work that is conducted on their land, and they have consistently risen above the basic needs of industrial timber harvest to serve as land stewards and models for progressive management. Please contact me with any questions regarding Klamath Watershed Partnership's endorsement of their nomination.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leigh Ann Vradenburg".

Leigh Ann Vradenburg
Project Manager



File Code: 2470

Date: June 26, 2024

Oregon Department of Forestry Eastern Oregon Area Regional Forest Practices Committee

Dear Oregon Department of Forestry Eastern Oregon Area Regional Forest Practices Committee:

With this letter, I would like to express my support in the nomination of Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo), for selection as the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Eastern Oregon Area 2024 Operator of the Year. GDRCo has consistently proven to be a leader in the management of forest and watershed resources within the Klamath-Lake District.

GDRCo is a key partner in the efforts taking place to recover wildfires within Klamath and Lake Counties. After the 2021 wildfires, several partners including GDRCo took part in the development of an Integrated Post-fire Resilience Strategy to guide the priority and location of reforestation. This also led to several partners working together to reforest areas across public and private lands. GDRCo has played a key role in providing the oversight and seedlings to Klamath Watershed Partnership to reforest 1,625 acres of private land for 19 landowners. GDRCo provided extensive technical and logistical support, trucking, and storage facilities (nursery and refrigerated truck). They have also been extremely proactive in collecting seed and reforesting their own land.

GDRCo is also an active partner in the development of a South-Central Oregon Seed Orchard Partnership that is pursuing the development of a seed orchard located at their previous bareroot nursery in Bonanza, Oregon. They are actively discussing this potential with American Forests and this opportunity is greatly needed by multiple partners in Klamath and Lake Counties, including the Fremont-Winema National Forest, to address our significant seed shortage.

I am also aware of watershed restoration projects on GDRCo land to restore stream function and health. Through partnerships with Klamath Watershed Partnership, Trout Unlimited, and other partners, GDRCo is working to improve bull trout habitat by doing instream work such as large wood placement and beaver dam analogs. This work is especially important given the impact the Bootleg Fire had on local bull trout critical habitat and populations.

Lastly, the Fremont-Winema National Forest and GDRCo worked together to identify potential operational delineations (PODs) that span GDRCo and Fremont-Winema National Forest lands so that fuel breaks and fire suppression are a cooperative effort across ownership boundaries.



Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for GDRCo nominee for the ODF Eastern Area 2024 Operator of the Year. They are very deserving, and I am happy to express my gratitude for all the work they do to benefit the forests and watersheds that adjoin the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

Sincerely,

WADE

MCMASTER

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Acting Forest Supervisor, Fremont-Winema NF, R6

cc: Amy Markus



GDRC partnered with Klamath Watershed Partnership in the Bootleg Fire footprint to clear all hazard trees within falling distance of roads. This work, encompassing 2,717 acres along 112 miles of roads, will provide safe access for the public, emergency response, and restoration professionals/researchers into the future, as well as supporting strategic fuel break development for future wildfires.



In 2023 and 2024 GDRC supported the non-industrial private lands reforestation efforts in the 242 Fire by coordinating seedling transportation from the nurseries, providing seedling storage in refrigerated trucks, and processing seedling load out for planting crews.



Following the Bootleg Fire, GDRC partnered with Klamath Watershed Partnership, Trout Unlimited, The Klamath Tribes, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and ODF to implement a range of practices designed to capture sediment, protect aquatic resources, and promote recovery in the burned watershed.



GDRC created efficiencies for non-industrial private lands planting in the Bootleg Fire by coordinating with Klamath Watershed Partnership and private landowners for seedlings, planting crews, and planting inspectors.



GDRC partnered with Partners for Fish and Wildlife and Klamath Watershed Partnership to reforest riparian areas in the Bootleg Fire in Spring 2024, and native shrubs and hardwoods will be planted Fall 2024.



Following the Bootleg Fire, GDRC worked with restoration partners to rebuild cattle exclusion fencing on two sensitive streams.



NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2023-982-00604

Operation Name: OWEB Camp 6 (#35000)



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

- The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.
- The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

Person Submitting the NOAP: Leigh Vradenburg

Date NOAP Submitted: January 4, 2023

Report Generated: June 25, 2024

Notifier Comment

Written plans for watercourses and wetlands attached.

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the ODF Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, *but you must wait the full 15 days unless the ODF Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.*

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Lakeview
2290 N 4th St
Lakeview, Oregon 97630
Phone: (541) 947-3311
ODF Forester: Kevin Burdon
Email: kevin.j.burdon@oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Justin Kostick
Phone: (541) 880-5457

Landowner(s)

GDRCo Forester
Green Diamond Resource Company
6400 Hwy 66
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 884-2240

Notice to Landowner(s)

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Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Kevin Burdon on 1/10/2023

A Statutory written plan was received on 01-04-23. Formal comments will be issued after 14 days. Waiver of the 15-day waiting period as requested has been granted outside of the written plan.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

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Permission from Landowner and Timber Owner Required for Operators, purchasers, contractors, general public: Submitting this notification does *not* give permission for operators, purchasers, contractors, or the general public to enter someone else's land or remove forest products. Anyone doing so must first obtain permission from the landowner and timber owner.

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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
(Klamath-Lake District)
STREAM PROTECTION WRITTEN PLAN FORM
ALTERNATE PRACTICE – OWEB-Camp 6 (35000)
BOOTLEG HAZARD TREE REMOVAL

A Written Plan is to contain complete, detailed information describing HOW your operation will meet the required standards for resource protection prescribed in the Forest Practices Rules. This form is intended to be a helpful tool guiding you through the necessary information addressing the protection of **STREAMS** (OAR 629-635-0000 through 629-660-0060). Please attach additional comments on a separate piece of paper if this form does not provide enough space.

LANDOWNER NAME & MAILING ADDRESS:

Green Diamond Resource Company

Telephone: (541) 884-2240

6400 Highway 66

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

OPERATOR NAME & MAILING ADDRESS:

Green Diamond Resource Company

Telephone: (541) 884-2240

6400 Highway 66

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

WRITTEN PLAN SUBMITTED BY: Justin Kostick

(Print Name)

Justin Kostick

(Signature)

1/4/2023

(Date)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See Attached Map

(Township, Range, & Section)

NOTIFICATION NUMBER: _____

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED..... _____

SUBJECT TO 14-DAY COMMENT PERIOD..... YES NO

WERE SUBSCRIBER COMMENTS RECEIVED..... YES NO

COPIES SENT TO:

LO__ OP__ SUBSCRIBERS__ ODF&W__ OTHER

The following Written Plan addresses how the operation will be conducted within the Riparian Management Area (RMA) along each side of the stream. The RMA extends the specified distance (generally slope distance) from the high water level of the main channel. See OAR 629-635-310 for exceptions on locating the RMA and note in the Written Plan if they apply to this operation.

A. STREAM NAME: All streams associated with this notification.

B. STREAM TYPE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large F (100' RMA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Large D (70' RMA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Large N (70' RMA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium F (70' RMA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium D (50' RMA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium N (50' RMA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small F (50' RMA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small D (20' RMA)	

C. LENGTH OF STREAM WITHIN THE OPERATION AREA:

(NOTE: This is the length of each side of the stream, double the length if the operation is on both sides of the stream)

Streams were not measured for this operation.

D. OPERATION WILL BE A: ☒ clearcut, ☒ partial cut.

This operation is a hazard tree removal for roads within the Bootleg Wildfire footprint on Green Diamond ownership.

E. AVERAGE SLOPE WITHIN THE RMA IS: 0-30%

F. THE OPERATION SHALL RETAIN:

(Required unless addressed under road construction, yarding corridors, temporary crossings, or for stream improvement)

1. ALL UNDERSTORY VEGETATION WITHIN 10' OF HIGH WATER LEVEL?

☒ yes ☐ no

2. ALL TREES WITHIN 20' OF THE HIGH WATER LEVEL?

☐ yes ☒ no

3. ALL TREES THAT LEAN OVER THE CHANNEL AND GROW IN THE RMA?

☒ yes ☐ no

G. RETENTION OF ALL SNAGS AND DOWN WOOD IN THE CHANNEL AND RMA? (Required unless addressed as safety hazard, fire hazard, stream improvement, or an alternative prescription for catastrophic event)

☐ yes ☒ no

IF NO, address: The RMA has over 90% tree mortality due to the Bootleg Wildfire. Snags within the RMA that propose a safety risk will be removed. Down wood in the channel will be retained.

H. LIVE CONIFERS RETAINED PER 1000' (Required):

1. LARGE STREAM: 40 which are at least 11" DBH ☒ yes ☐ no

2. MEDIUM STREAM: 30 which are at least 8" DBH ☒ yes ☐ no

I. BASAL AREA PER 1000' OF STREAM REQUIRED TO BE RETAINED: See RMA Guidelines Below
_____ standard target, _____ active management target.

J. EXISTING BASAL AREA OF TREES OR SNAGS SIX INCHES OR GREATER DBH ON SITE: N/A
HOW WAS THIS DETERMINED?

BY WHOM? N/A

K. IS THE LIVE CONIFER TREE BASAL AREA IN THE RMA GREATER THAN THE STANDARD TARGET:
_____ yes X no.

The RMA has over 90% tree mortality due to the Bootleg Wildfire.

DESCRIBE THE VEGETATION RETENTION PRESCRIPTION: (Narrative should include the basal area to be retained, basal area to be removed, if and how live tree retention credit used, if and how alternative vegetation prescription used, if and how site specific vegetation prescription used, etc.)

The following RMA Guidelines were agreed upon with Kevin Burdon (ODF Stewardship Forester) for all RMAs associated with this notification including Significant Wetlands and Watercourses.

- (a) Retain all Ponderosa Pine trees that have no signs of bole pitch and less than 50% crown scorch.
- (b) Retain all White Fir and Lodgepole Pine with less than 50% bole scorch and less than 50% crown scorch.
- (c) Retain two snags around any springs and two snags per 1000 feet within RMAs associated with streams and/or significant wetlands.
- (d) Retain all down wood that is not salvageable.
- (e) All equipment shall only enter the RMAs perpendicular to the spring/stream/wetland.
- (f) The following shall be implemented within all RMAs; directional felling, minimizing skid trails, minimizing landings, whole tree skidding, and minimizing brush piling.

L. IS THE RMA BOUNDARY MARKED? _____ yes X no

IF SO, HOW

For this operation the boundaries are not marked. Streams are identified on the map. The operation will be addressing hazard trees along Green Diamond ownership roads.

IS THE 20' BOUNDARY MARKED? _____ yes X no

IF SO, HOW

ARE TREES TO BE HARVESTED MARKED? _____ yes X no

IF SO, HOW? All conifers with less than 50% bole scorch and less than 50% crown scorch will be retained.

M. WILL LANDINGS BE LOCATED WITHIN THE RMA? X yes _____ no.

Stream.WP 2/14/04

IF YES, describe how many, location, construction specifications, drainage, post-operation rehabilitation, etc.:

Landings may be located with the RMA where no other feasible options exist. Existing landings will be used when available. No landings will be used or constructed with 20 feet of a watercourse.

- N. WILL SKID TRAILS BE LOCATED PARALLEL TO THE STREAM AND WITHIN THE RMA? _____ yes X no.

IF YES, describe length and specifications of skid trails within RMA, post operation rehabilitation, drainage, etc.

- O. WILL THERE BE SKID TRAIL STREAM CROSSINGS? _____ yes X no.

IF YES, describe type, how constructed, removal, post operation rehabilitation, time frame, numbers of loads over, etc.:

- P. WILL THERE BE NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITHIN RMA? _____ yes X no.

IF YES, describe length, method of construction, overburden placement, drainage, post operation rehabilitation, etc.:

- Q. WILL THERE BE HAUL ROAD STREAM CROSSINGS? _____ yes X no.

IF YES, describe type (i.e. bridge, ford, culvert, etc.), permanence, temporary (describe removal), time frame of use, approach stabilization, post operation rehabilitation, etc.:

- R. RESIDUAL VEGETATION DESCRIPTION:

(narrative to include description of residual species of both brush and overstory canopy).

See RMA Guideline outline above.

- S. RESIDUAL VEGETATION PROTECTION MEASURES: How will the operation be conducted to minimize damage/disturbance to residual vegetation? (description to include type and size of equipment used and methods employed to achieve this; i.e. feller buncher, shovel log, directional felling, pulling line, etc.)

See RMA Guideline outline above.

- T. SOIL AND HYDROLOGIC FUNCTION PROTECTION: How will the operation be conducted to minimize disturbance to soil and damp/wetted areas within the RMA? (Description to include timing of operation and soil conditions during operation; i.e. will only operate machinery on frozen or dry soils)

See RMA Guideline outline above.

- U. OTHER NOT IDENTIFIED ABOVE: To include description and protection measures of practices other than harvesting (chemical application, slash treatment, fire trail construction, etc.), as well as any other general information useful to approval of this plan.

Trees may be fell into the stream and left in place to help slow down the water, provide shade, and drop out sediments.

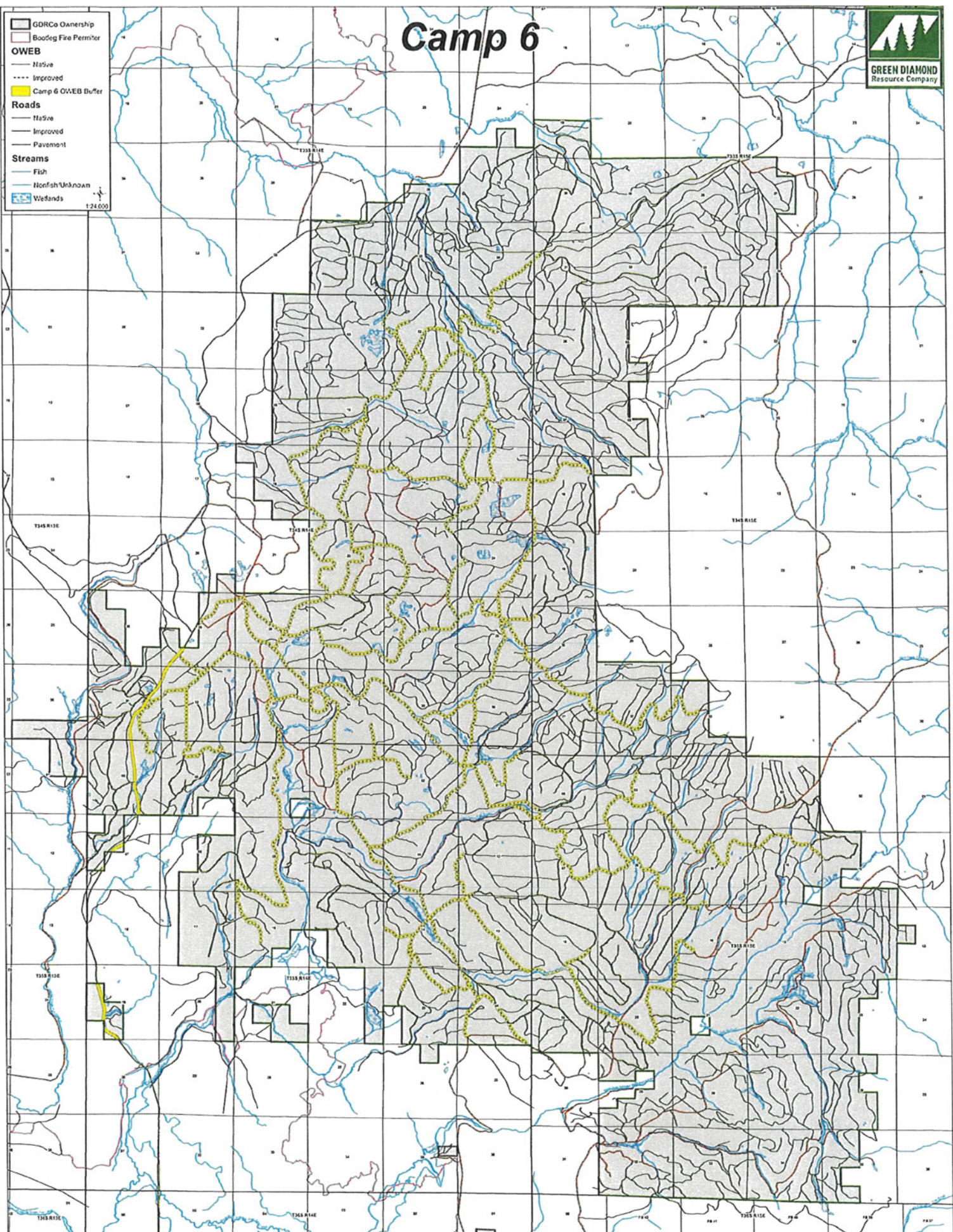
- V. MAP REQUIREMENTS: A MAP MUST BE ATTACHED IDENTIFYING THE STREAM, RMA, AND LOCATION OF ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN THE WRITTEN PLAN

Camp 6



- GDRCo Ownership
- Booeg Fire Permit
- OWEB**
- Native
- Improved
- Camp 6 OWEB Buffer
- Roads**
- Native
- Improved
- Pavement
- Streams**
- Fish
- Nonfish/Unknown
- Wetlands

1:24,000





NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2024-981-07278

Operation Name: 84132 - Okey Doak



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester that an operation will be conducted.

The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

Before you use fire, contact the local office of the Oregon Department of Forestry or Forest Protective Association to see if additional burn permit and/or Smoke Management Program regulations apply.

The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

Person Submitting the NOAP: GDRCo Forester

Date NOAP Submitted: May 6, 2024

Report Generated: August 20, 2024

Waiting Period

You must wait at least 15 days after successful submittal of this NOAP before starting the activities in the NOAP (see OAR 629-605-0150(1)). You may ask the ODF Forester to waive this 15-day waiting period, ***but you must wait the full 15 days unless the ODF Forester notifies you that you may start sooner.***

Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Klamath Falls
3200 DeLap Rd
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Phone: (541) 883-5681
ODF Forester: Jason Pettigrew
Email: jason.w.pettigrew@odf.oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Justin Kostick
Phone: 707-496-1240

Landowner(s)

GDRCo Forester
Green Diamond Resource Company
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Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 884-2240

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Timber Owner

GDRCo Forester
Green Diamond Resource Company
6400 Hwy 66
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(541) 884-2240

Notice to Timber Owner

If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

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Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Jason W Pettigrew on 5/22/2024

Fully implementing this written plan will likely achieve the resource protection standards of the Forest Practices Act. This operation will be evaluated on the basis of how well required resource protection is achieved.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Bald Eagle nesting site within half mile of area.

Slope of steepest 1/3 area: 10 %.

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Unit 1 of 3: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit A

34.6 acres Klamath County(s)

T37S R7E Sec27

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator:

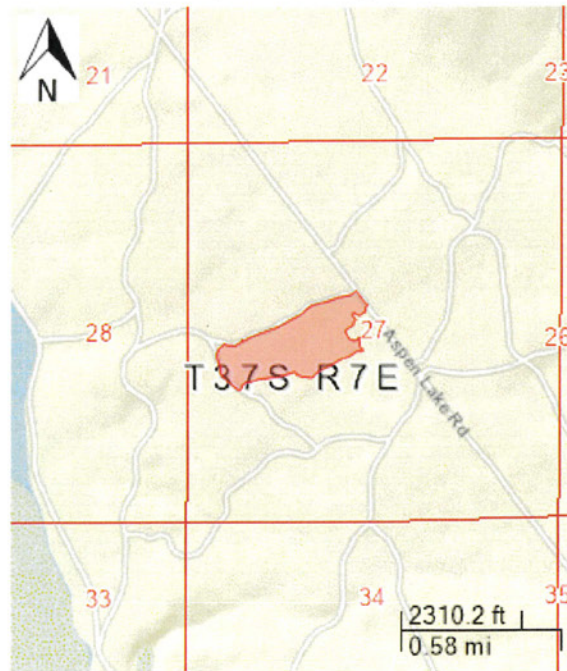
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Green Diamond Resource
Company
6400 Hwy 66
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 884-2240

Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting**Start:** 5/6/2024 **End:** 12/31/2024**Completion Status:** Open**Method(s):** Ground**Quantity:** 164.00 MBF**Operator:**

GDRCo Forester
Green Diamond Resource
Company
6400 Hwy 66
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
(541) 884-2240

Activity: Treatment of Slash**Start:** 5/6/2024 **End:** 12/31/2024**Completion Status:** Open**Method(s):** Burning -

piles

Unit Map: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit A

Unit 2 of 3: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit B

89.9 acres Klamath County(s)

T37S R7E Sec35,T37S R7E
Sec26,T37S R7E Sec36

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator: GDRCo Forester Green Diamond Resource Company 6400 Hwy 66 Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 884-2240	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 5/6/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 306.00 MBF
Operator: GDRCo Forester Green Diamond Resource Company 6400 Hwy 66 Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 884-2240	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 5/6/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Burning - piles

Resources on or near this Unit

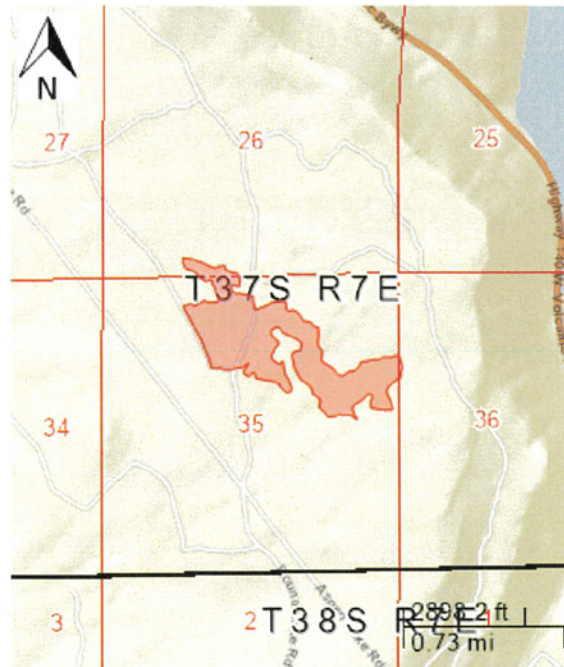
Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of

Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of

Eagle

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within 300 feet of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your ODF Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit B

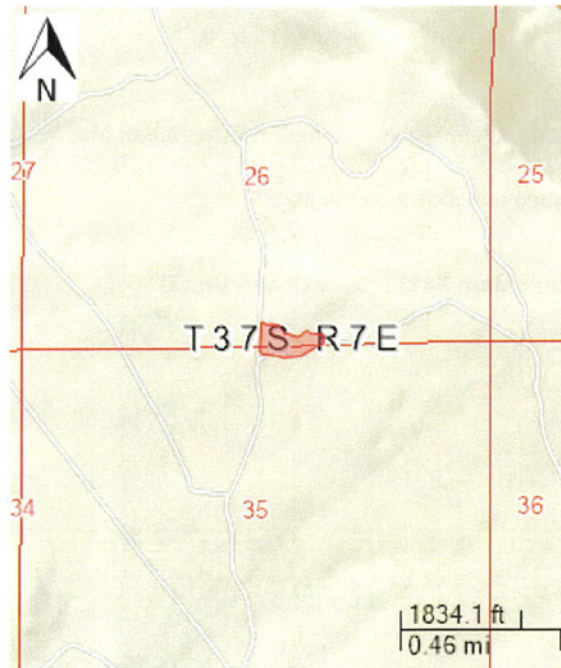
Unit 3 of 3: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit C

4.1 acres Klamath County(s)

T37S R7E Sec35,T37S R7E
Sec26

Regulated Use Area: KF-1

Operator: GDRCo Forester Green Diamond Resource Company 6400 Hwy 66 Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 884-2240	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 5/6/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 28.00 MBF
Operator: GDRCo Forester Green Diamond Resource Company 6400 Hwy 66 Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601 (541) 884-2240	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 5/6/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Burning - piles

Unit Map: 84132 Okey Doak - Unit C

STOP #2

ARROWHEAD LOGGING, LLC

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 8th, 2024



Forest Practices
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DRAFT DIRECTIVE
6-2-6-100, p. 8
Attachment A, p. 3

OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		



2024 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form

AWARD CATEGORY: **Operator of the Year / Merit Award**

REGION (NW/SW/East): East

DISTRICT: Central Oregon

NOMINATED BY: Kody Johannsen

OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:

Operator Company Name: Arrowhead Logging LLC

Company Address:

Company Phone No. (541) 968-4460

Company Email: N/A

Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Steve Gillen

Contact Cell Phone No. (541) 968-4460

Contacts Email: N/A

Operation Information (Operation as example of work with RFPC tour)

Activities: Harvest (X) Site Prep () Reforestation () Road Construction ()
Stand Management (X) Other () _____

Date of Operation: 2022 - 2024

NOAP No. 2022-951-09693 (c) 2024-951-01863

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark):

T16S, R18E, Section 2

44.212° x -120.538°

General Description of Operation:

Precommercial thinning, treatment of slash, use of fire

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved:

Small Fish Streams, Non-Fish Streams - The landowner and the operator agreed to apply additional protection to the buffers on the RMA's.

Criteria of Award Nomination

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples):

I have worked with Steve Gillen for about three years now. He has been an incredibly reliable operator to work with. We conduct pre-operation meetings on-site before he begins a project. Steve has insisted on this. Steve wants to ensure that he understands all potential FPA issues that may be involved with the project. There have been a few times that he has noticed an FPA concern in the field and called me immediately to make sure we are both on the same page. Steve has not incurred any violations for FPA compliance in the 3 years that I have worked with him. I was working with him as a Community Wildfire Forester and Chase Duncan was his Stewardship Forester over this time period. On this project, Steve collaborated with the landowner and increased the buffer on the RMA to exceed the requirements.

Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regards to protection of forest resources:

This operation had a small fish-bearing stream right through the middle of the unit, as well as 15 non-fish streams scattered across the project area. The operator began this project in 2022, before the new PFA protections came into play. Due to the snow levels in the area, timing of the operation was crucial to protect soils from disturbance and erosion. There were several months that Steve was not working due to ground conditions. Fire season also played a role in his ability to work. Diligent patience was necessary from the operator and the landowner.

Describe how the operator was **Innovative/Extra Efforts** (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation and then Past Operations:

Steve did a great job working with myself and the landowner, to build a solid plan for the operation. Having worked in this area most of his life, Steve is familiar with all the timber types he would be working in for this project. Steve thoughtfully selected locations for his skid roads and landings to minimize soil disturbance and resource damage. Steve and the landowner still wanted to go above and beyond what was currently required, knowing it was ultimately the best management practice. The old FPA laws required a 10-foot buffer along the small type N stream to retain all non-merch vegetation. Most streams in the project were voluntarily buffered to 20-50 feet to retain all vegetation, to keep the draws shaded. The majority of the work was performed with a feller/buncher. Some areas were hand-cut with chainsaws.

Describe

Results in resource protection and forest management benefits:

The pre-work that Steve put into this project is reflected in the landscape's current state. This project covered fairly diverse types of stands, such as Juniper/sagebrush rangeland, Ponderosa Pine stands, and Warm Dry Mixed Conifer stands. Each of these timber types require a different management approach. **The numerous** stream buffers added a **heavymoderate** layer of complexity. Due to Steve's diligent planning, he was able to move from unit to unit without any major disturbances to the voluntary stream buffers.

Describe the **Financial Risk assumed by the operator** as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation:

This operation did not pose any substantial financial risk for the operator. The landowner and the operator had agreed to a straight-forward cost per acre. The pay was not based on profit from timber harvest. The only risk I saw was from the potential for equipment breakdown and repairs, which is not unusual for any operation. This landowner was more heavily involved than we typically see in our area. The landowner is a retired forester, who previously worked for large timber companies in the Sisters area and on the Westside. He bought this property to be his own experimental forest.

OTHER INFO that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee:

I am working with Steve on two operations currently. He is also working with the NRCS on numerous additional projects. Steve is working on more operations than any other operator in our area. He is consistently commended by the landowners that he works with, both for his work ethic and for the final product of his projects. Steve has worked in the area for a long time and has developed a strong reputation for quality work. This reputation has given credit to his "social license" for all types of forestry work.

Landowner of Operation listed above:

Agency/Company: Red Pine Ranch
Contact Name: Dan Richartz
Title: Landowner
Email:
Phone No. (541) 420-9970

Nominator(s):

Name: Kody Johannsen
Agency/Company: Oregon Department of Forestry
Title: Stewardship Forester
Email: kody.t.johannsen@odf.oregon.gov
Phone No. (541) 903-0196

Name: Chris Mundy
Agency/Company: Natural Resource Conservation Services
Title: District Conservationist
Email: chris.mundy@usda.gov
Phone No. (541) 699-3177

Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for operators history and experiences:

- NOAP
- Written Plan/PFAP
- Location Map
- Operation Map
- Aerial Photo
- Photographs of operation/activities/efforts/etc.
- Letters of Reference/Support
- Any additional documents to support nomination
 - Other landowners
 - Other agencies involved with the nominee on projects
 - Other ODF staff
 - Neighbors/community (ie. Mayor of city or neighbors next to op that have input, etc.)

Nominations are due to the Area (Assistant to the Area Director) on Thursday June 27th,

2024. Please cc Greg.Wagenblast@odf.Oregon.gov



NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number: 2024-951-01863

Operation Name: Red Pine Ranch



This NOAP includes the following for the lands described in the NOAP:

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The Oregon Department of Forestry or local Forest Protective Association has issued a permit to use fire or operate power-driven machinery.

Before you use fire, contact the local office of the Oregon Department of Forestry or Forest Protective Association to see if additional burn permit and/or Smoke Management Program regulations apply.

Person Submitting the NOAP: NOAP Prineville

Date NOAP Submitted: January 4, 2024

Report Generated: June 25, 2024

Notifier Comment

The operation will not be within the RMA's of the streams. The operation will not be within 600 feet the Osprey nest.

Waiting Period

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Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

Prineville
3501 E 3rd St
Prineville, Oregon 97754
Phone: (541) 447-5658
ODF Forester: Kody Johannsen
Email: kody.t.johannsen@odf.oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Dan Richartz
Phone: 541-420-9970

Landowner(s)

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Prineville, Oregon 97754
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Angi Richartz
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Notice to Landowner(s)

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Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Osprey nest and key components within half mile of area.

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Unit 1 of 1: Red Pine 2022

467.4 acres Crook County(s)

T16S R18E Sec1,T16S R18E
Sec2

Regulated Use Area: WC-1

Operator: Steve Gillen Arrowhead Logging LLC 4801 NE Sage Way Prineville , Oregon 97754 541-698-4460	Activity: Precommercial Thinning Start: 1/4/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Manual, Mechanical
Operator: Steve Gillen Arrowhead Logging LLC 4801 NE Sage Way Prineville , Oregon 97754 541-698-4460	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 1/4/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Manual, Mechanical, Burning - piles
Operator: Steve Gillen Arrowhead Logging LLC 4801 NE Sage Way Prineville , Oregon 97754 541-698-4460	Activity: Use of Fire Start: 1/4/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Burn Piles Quantity: 80.00 Acres

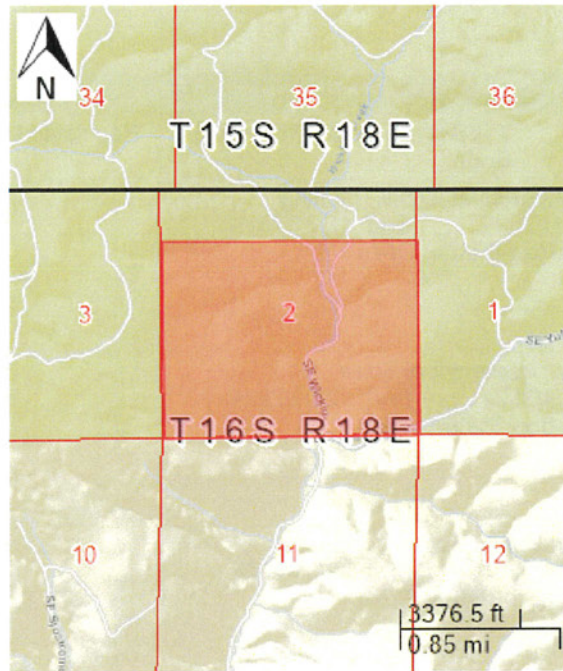
Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Mule Creek: Small - Type F Stream	
Wickiup Creek: Medium - Type F Stream	
Wickiup Creek: Small - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Emergent Wetland	

Notes:

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Unit Map: Red Pine 2022





NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number:

2022-951-09693C

Operation Name:

Red Pine Ranch



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The notifier has given notice to the State Forester and the Department of Revenue of the intent to harvest timber.

Person Submitting the NOAP: NOAP Prineville

This NOAP was CONTINUED on 1/6/2023 and will expire on 12/31/2023

Date NOAP Submitted: August 10, 2022

Report Generated: June 26, 2024

Waiting Period

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Unit 1 of 1: Red Pine 2022

616.8 acres Crook County(s)

T16S R18E Sec1,T15S R18E
Sec36,T16S R18E Sec3,T16S
R18E Sec2,T15S R18E Sec35

Regulated Use Area: WC-1

Operator: Steve Gillen Arrowhead Logging LLC 4801 NE Sage Way Prineville , Oregon 97754 541-698-4460	Activity: Precommercial Thinning Start: 8/10/2022 End: 12/31/2023	Method(s): Manual, Mechanical
Operator: Steve Gillen Arrowhead Logging LLC 4801 NE Sage Way Prineville , Oregon 97754 541-698-4460	Activity: Commercial Thinning/Selective Cutting Start: 8/22/2022 End: 12/31/2023	Method(s): Ground Quantity: 108.00 MBF

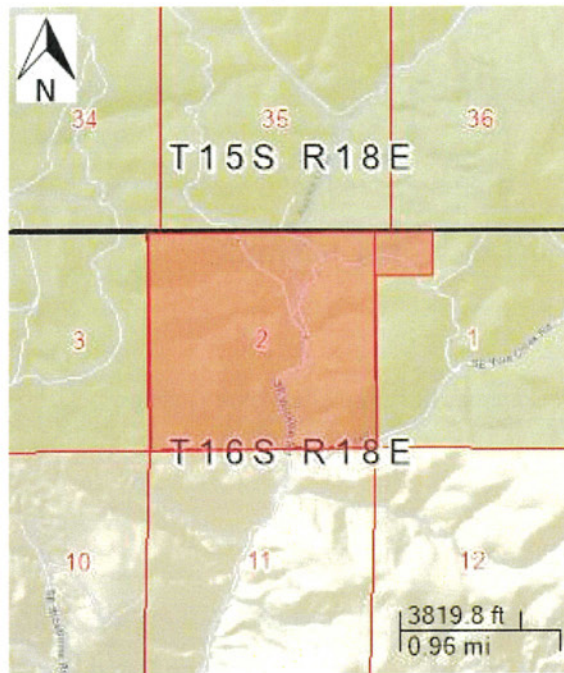
Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Unknown: Unknown - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Unknown - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Unknown - Type F Stream	
Wetlands: Freshwater Emergent Wetland	

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Unit Map: Red Pine 2022



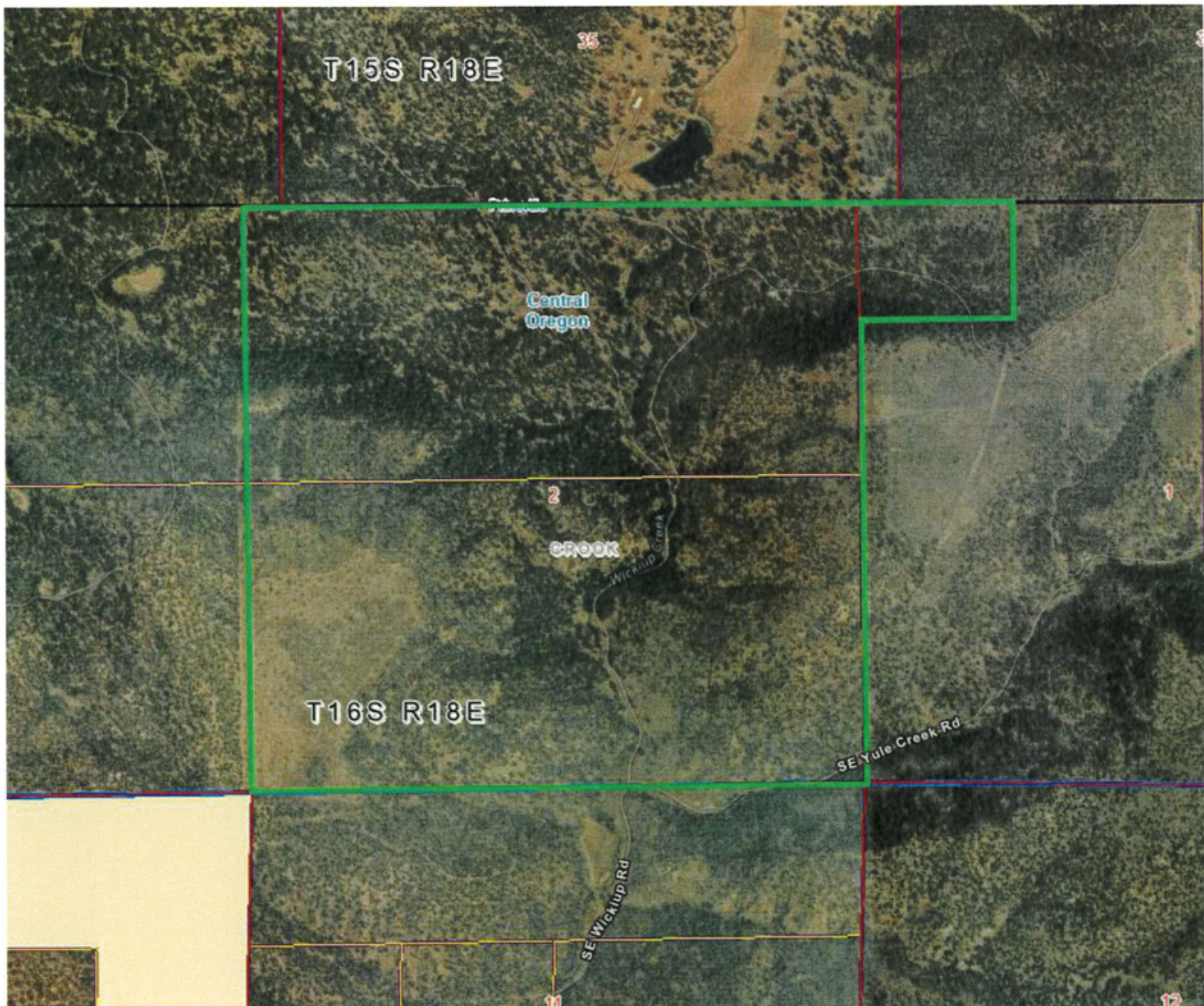
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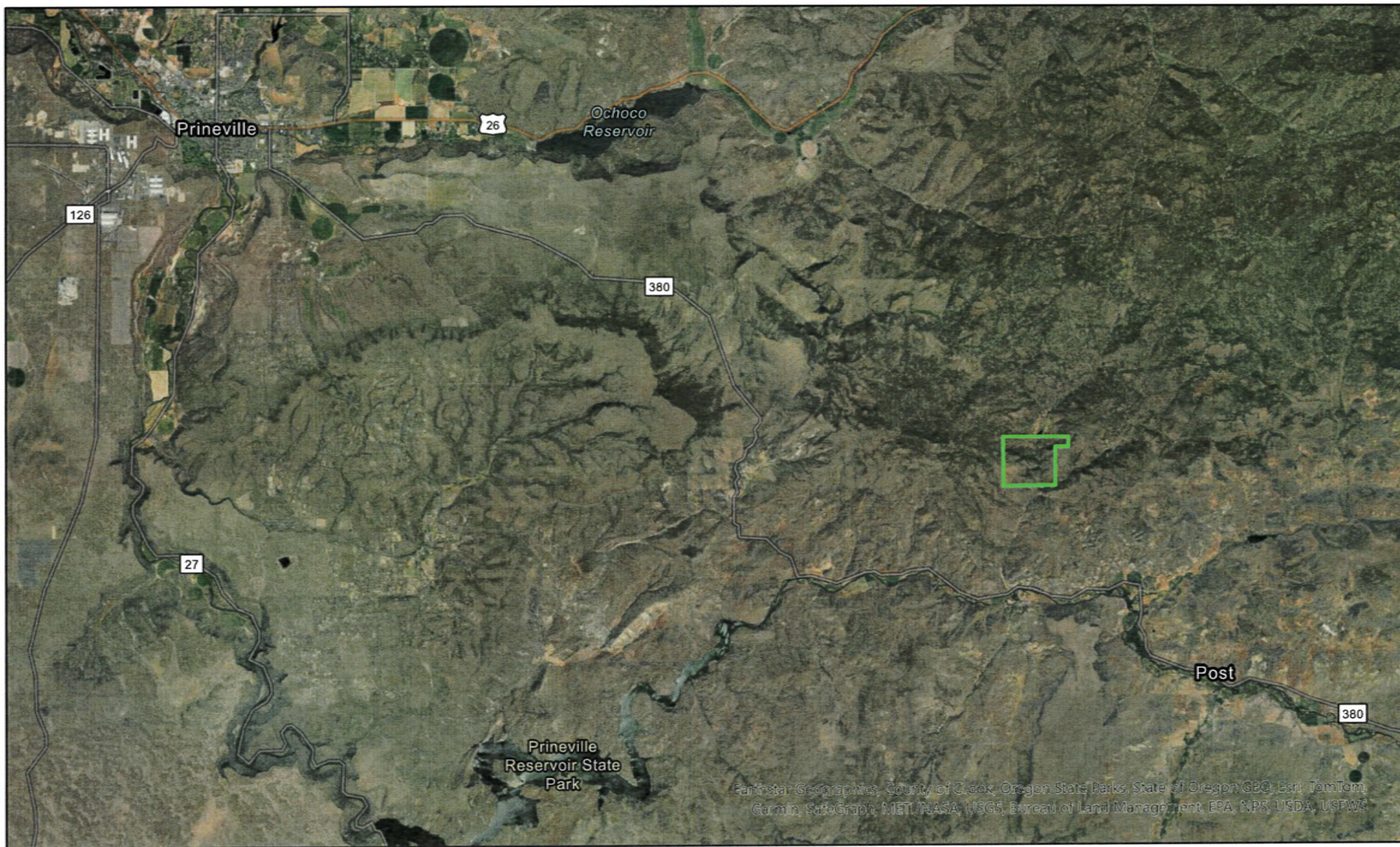
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The landowners and operators will not be performing any work within the RMA or crossing any streams.

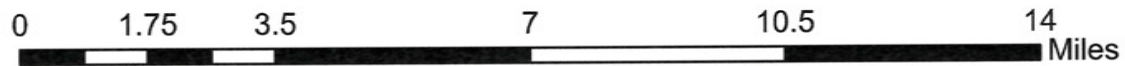
There is an abandoned Osprey nest in the Northeast section of the property. There is suspicion of a new Osprey nest in the area. The landowner has been made aware of the regulations regarding the potential nest. Landowner will need to identify the location of the nest, before beginning work in the area.

Neither of the nests have been identified in the ODF system.





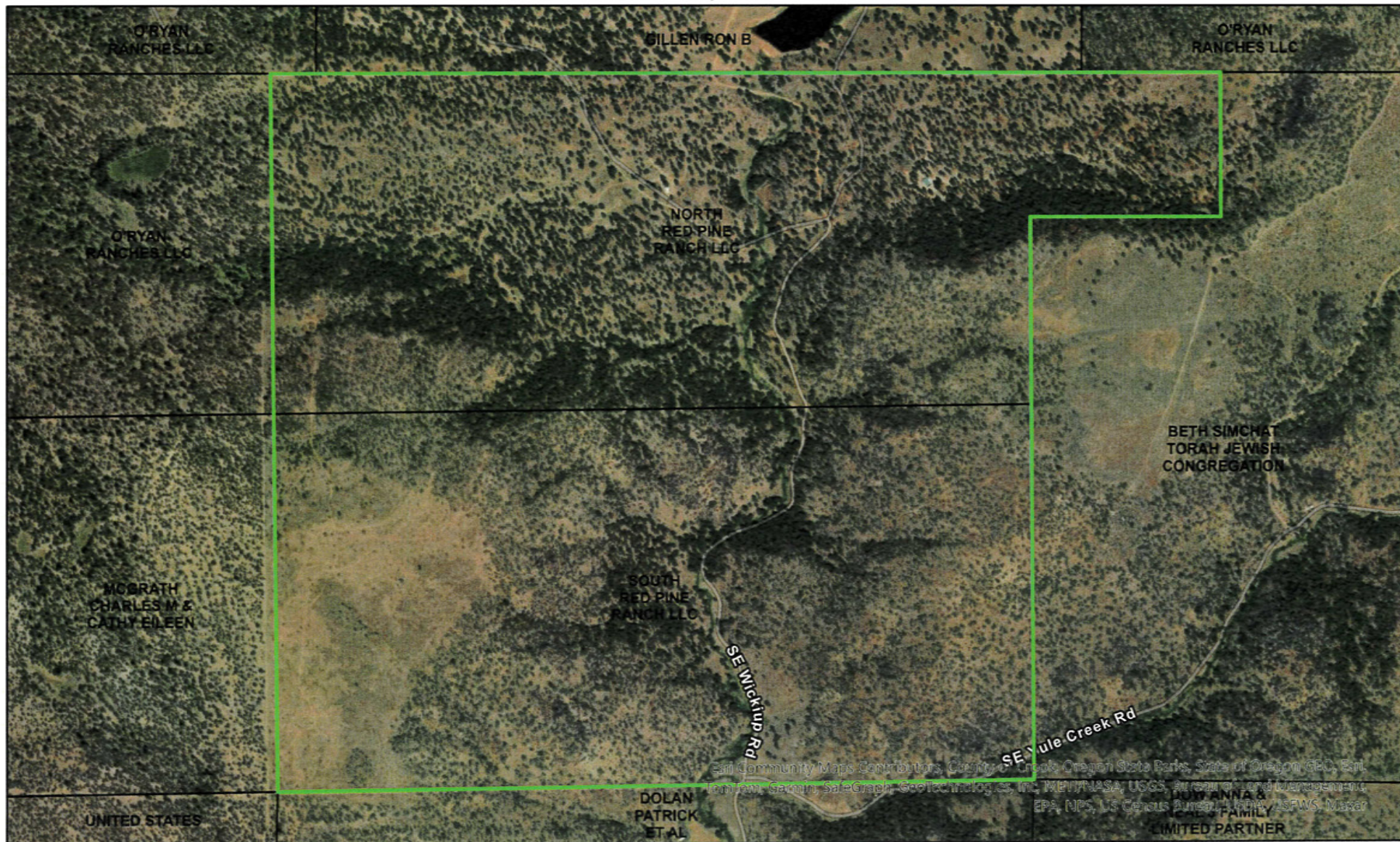
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-  Richartz Property

Red Pine Ranch - Vicinity





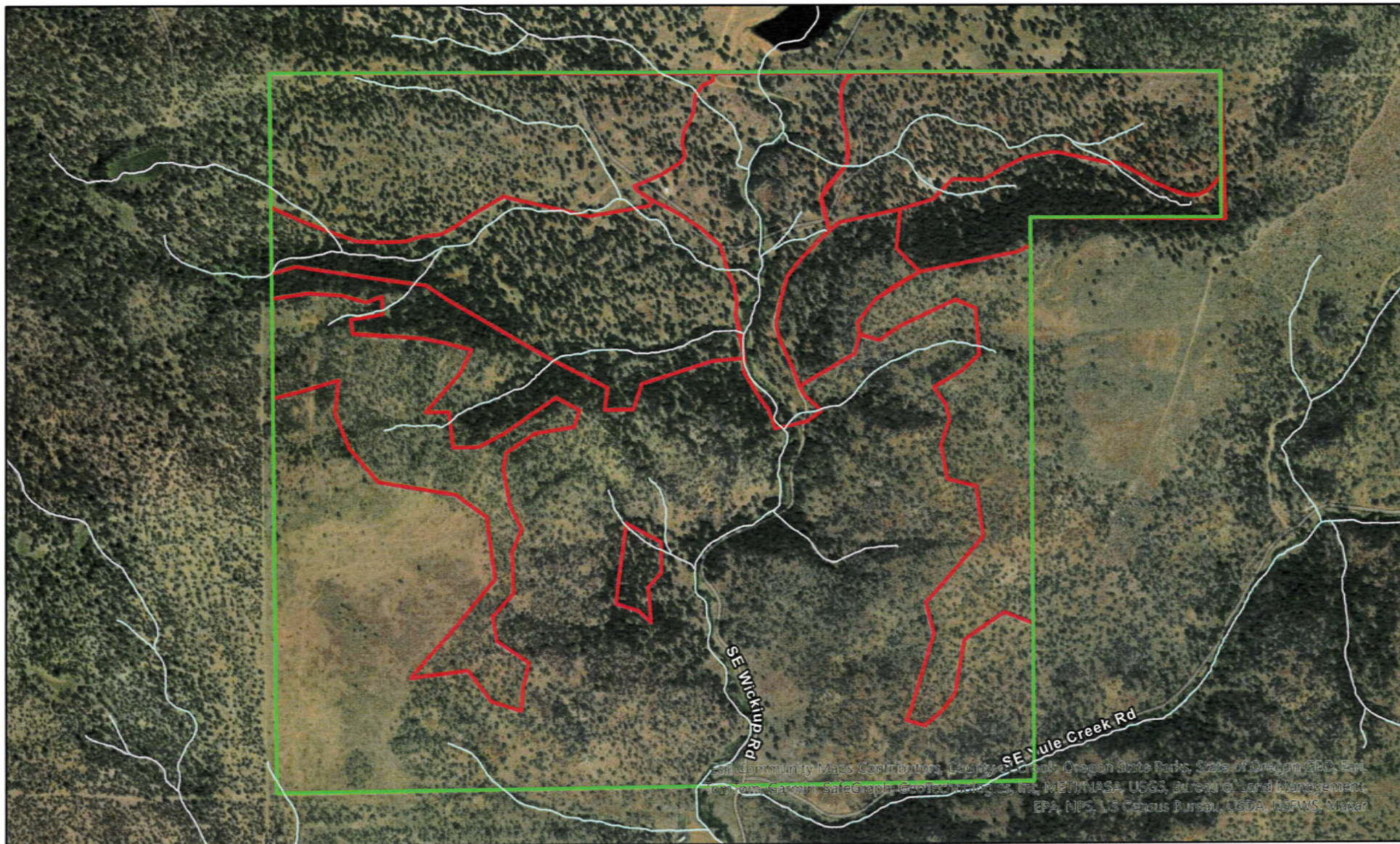
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-  Ownership Taxlot Crook County 2021
-  Richartz Property

0 0.13 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

Red Pine Ranch Property Boundary





Legend

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- Hydro Creek
- Ownership Taxlot Crook County 2021
- Richartz Property
- 2022_Practice_Polygons

Red Pine Ranch - Project Boundaries





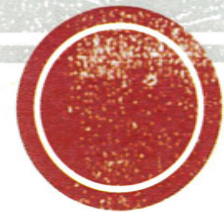


STOP #3

BTO FORESTRY SOLUTIONS, INC.

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 9th, 2024



Forest Practices
07/95 -- P.N. 874

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Attachment A, p. 3

OPTIONAL RATING FORM
OPERATOR RECOGNITION
OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
CONSISTENCY	20	
DIFFICULTY	15	
CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		



OPERATOR RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

OPERATOR OF THE YEAR (X)
LETTER OF COMMENDATION ()

Section A. Nomination Information:

District NEO For. Pract. Region E. S.W. N.W.
Nominated by Tracy Brostrom Operator Name Mike Wiedeman
Company Name BTO Forestry Soulutions
Address 82579 Eggleson Lane
Enterprise, OR 97828

Section B. Operation Informatio

Activities Harvest (X) Site Prep () Reforestation ()
Stand Management (X) Road Construction ()
Other () _____
Dates of Operation 01/2023 – 06/2024

Location of Operation (Legal Desc. and by Landmark) 4 miles north of Minam Sate Park
NW ¼ sec 6 T2N R41E Wallowa County, OR

Generally Describe the Operation (or attach narrative) _____
Clearcut/overstory removal, no harvest activity in 100' stream buffer/RMA

What were the protected resources involved and how was the operator concerned about resource protection stream riparian areas, protecting water quality and stream habitat, protection of stream banks from erosion potential, cable harvest operation keeps ground equipment off of steep slopes/less impact.

Section C. Nominating Criteria

1. Describe the operator's consistency in performance over the years (use examples)

BTO is set up for long span cable operations, hanging the skyline out 5000' at times to get lift and deflection over streams, wet areas of concern and prevents impact and disturbance on terrain too steep for ground skidding.

2. Describe the difficulty and complexity of the operation in regard to protection of forest resources Difficulty lies in getting a tailhold and guyline stumps that will withstand the daily rigors of tension and weight constraints. Getting a tailhold high enough on an opposite ridge to get lift to prevent lines from beating the RMA's, takes great experience to align the necessary obstacles to make a successful operation to protect forest resources.

3. Describe how the operator was innovative (including matching equipment to the job) or used extra effort on this operation Mike has his yarder modified/fabricated to allow for more line and a higher tensile strength line to meet equipment thresholds. Many manufactures machines are not designed to do what BTO does and the wide spectrum of challenges that he is asked to perform. BTO added a line truck in years past to allow them the ability to string skyline out as far as they need to facilitate the operation. Mike has 5 or 6 cats/dozers around at all times to use as tailholds for guylines (lack of stumps) for tying down/anchoring the yarder.

Past Operations? This is a specialty for BTO....long span cable operations.

4. Describe results in resource protection and forest management benefits _____

Results meet or exceed the Forest Practices Act/Private Forest Accord rules and statutes. Mike has the skills, ability and equipment to help landowners manage their ground, otherwise the landowner might not be able to thin or do fuels reduction on steep long span projects.

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Location Map (X)
Operation Map (X)
Aerial Photo (X)

Tracy Brostrom
Nominator (if different)

Area Screener



NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number:

2024-974-00374

Operation Name:

Ship-SO 2024



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Person Submitting the NOAP: Terry Blankenship

Date NOAP Submitted: December 8, 2023

Report Generated: August 20, 2024

Waiting Period

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Oregon Department of Forestry Contact Info

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ODF Forester: Joseph Goebel
Email: joseph.m.goebel@odf.oregon.gov

Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Terry Blankenship
Phone: 541 786 1308

Landowner(s)

John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA c/o HFM La Grande
John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA
1919 Jackson Ave
La Grande, Oregon 97850
(541) 962-2045

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Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Joseph Goebel on 6/24/2024

Discussed with Mike Wiedeman temporary crossing with skidder of Howard Creek on northside of unit. They will chose a flat spot that is rockd ensuring bank protection. Crossings will be minimized. Stream is dry at crossing location. No physical components in the RMA will be disturbed. Skidding is in a flat area to move material under the skyline. Skidding isn't going to be conducted on steep ground.

Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

Seep or spring within 100 feet of area.

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Using Water for Pesticides or Slash Burning: If you plan to use on-site water (water from a stream, for example) to mix pesticides or for slash burning, you must provide a copy of this NOAP to the local offices of the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (see ORS 537.141).

Registrants & Subscribers: There may be registrants and/or subscribers who receive this Notification. See the Notification Summary page within the E-Notification system or contact ODF for more details.

NOAP Changes: The notifier must inform the Oregon Department of Forestry of any changes in a NOAP before the activity takes place. A new NOAP may be required.

Protection of Cultural Resources: Under ORS 358.920 a person may not excavate, injure, destroy or alter an archaeological site or object or remove an archaeological object located on public or private lands in Oregon unless that activity is authorized by a permit issued under ORS 390.235. ORS 390.235 (5) exempts forestry operations on private lands from the permit requirement unless the site contains human remains, funerary objects and objects of cultural patrimony, or objects associated with a prehistoric Indian tribal culture. This exemption does not impact the applicability of the remainder of Oregon's cultural resource laws (ORS 97.740 – 97.994, 358.905 – 358.961, and 390.235 – 390.240). If human remains are encountered ORS 358.920 and ORS 97.745 require all excavation to stop and the find be reported to the landowner, the state police, the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Commission on Indian Services. ODF Staff cannot provide cultural resource advice or guidance, and landowners are encouraged to contact the State Historic Preservation Office [here](#) or at 503-986-0690.

Unit 1 of 1: Ship-SO

116.2 acres Wallowa County(s)

T2N R40E Sec1,T2N R41E Sec6 Regulated Use Area: NE-2

Operator: Michael Wiedeman BTO Forestry Solutions 82579 Eggleston Lane Enterprise, Oregon 97828 (541) 426-4001	Activity: Clearcut/Overstory Removal Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open Remarks: No Harvest Activity will occur with the 100" RMA	Method(s): Cable Quantity: 1400.00 MBF
Operator: John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA c/o HFM La Grande John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA 1919 Jackson Ave La Grande, Oregon 97850 (541) 962-2045	Activity: Treatment of Slash Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024 Completion Status: Open	Method(s): Burning - piles

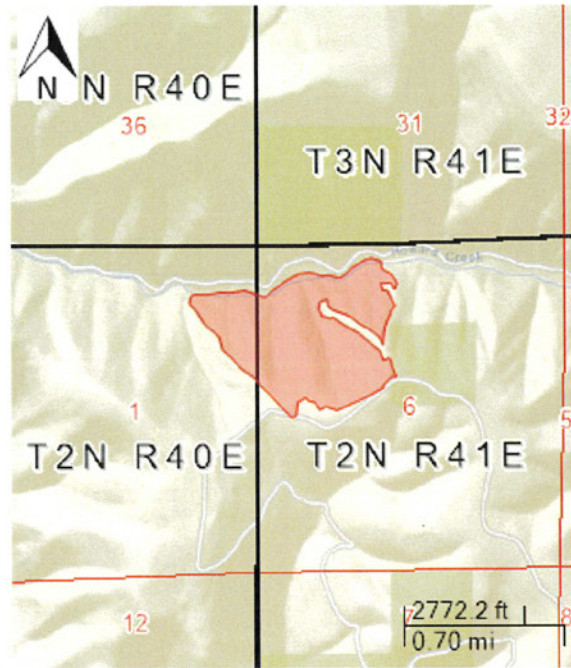
Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
Howard Creek: Large - Type F Stream	
Howard Creek: Small - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Large - Type F Stream	
Unknown: Small - Type F Stream	

Notes:

1. A statutory written plan is required for operations within *300 feet* of Estuarine or Marine Wetlands, not 100 feet as may be shown above.
2. Contact your ODF Forester about streams not shown on the map.

Unit Map: Ship-SO



WRITTEN PLAN FOR TIMBER HARVEST ALONG A LARGE FISH BEARING STREAM

Sale Name- Ship SO

Date: July 6th, 2023

Operator: BTO- 82579 Eggleston Lane Enterprise, Oregon 97828

Landowner: John Hancock Life Insurance Company USA; Separate
1919 Jackson Ave La Grande Oregon 97850

DESCRIBE THE PROTECTED RESOURCE:

A large fish bearing stream; Howard Creek located in T2N R40E Sec(s) 1 & 6, Wallow County, Oregon requires a 100' RMA which includes a 30' no cut buffer inner zone and a 70' outer zone within which some harvesting may be allowed. Streamside tree retention for large Type F streams requires a minimum of 60 sq ft of basal area per acre within the 70' outer zone of streamside RMA for each side of the stream.

EXISTING RIPARIAN STAND CONDITIONS:

A field visual inspection determined that the existing stand conditions do not allow for active management. The RMA is dominated by grand fir and spruce. The largest diameter class is 18-22 inch trees, most of which being grand fir.

TREATMENT:

No harvest will occur within the inner or outer zone in order to maintain minimum basal requirements.

HOW WILL YOU PROTECT THE RMA COMPONENTS:

Howard Creek described above, has an RMA buffer flagged in orange flagging and yellow tags. In all type F streams adjacent to harvesting, trees leaning over the stream channel will be left. Snags will be left in the RMA unless deemed a safety hazard. Snags cut for safety will be left in the RMA. Any damaged trees or trees pulled over during the logging operations will be left in the stream buffer.

Trees shall be directionally fell away from stream channel to protect retained vegetation. Corridor trees may be removed, although yarding layout aims to minimize corridors through RMA. Skylines hung over buffers will be fully suspended through RMA and trees may be felled and bucked to minimize damage to RMA trees.

LANDOWNER REPRESENTATIVE:

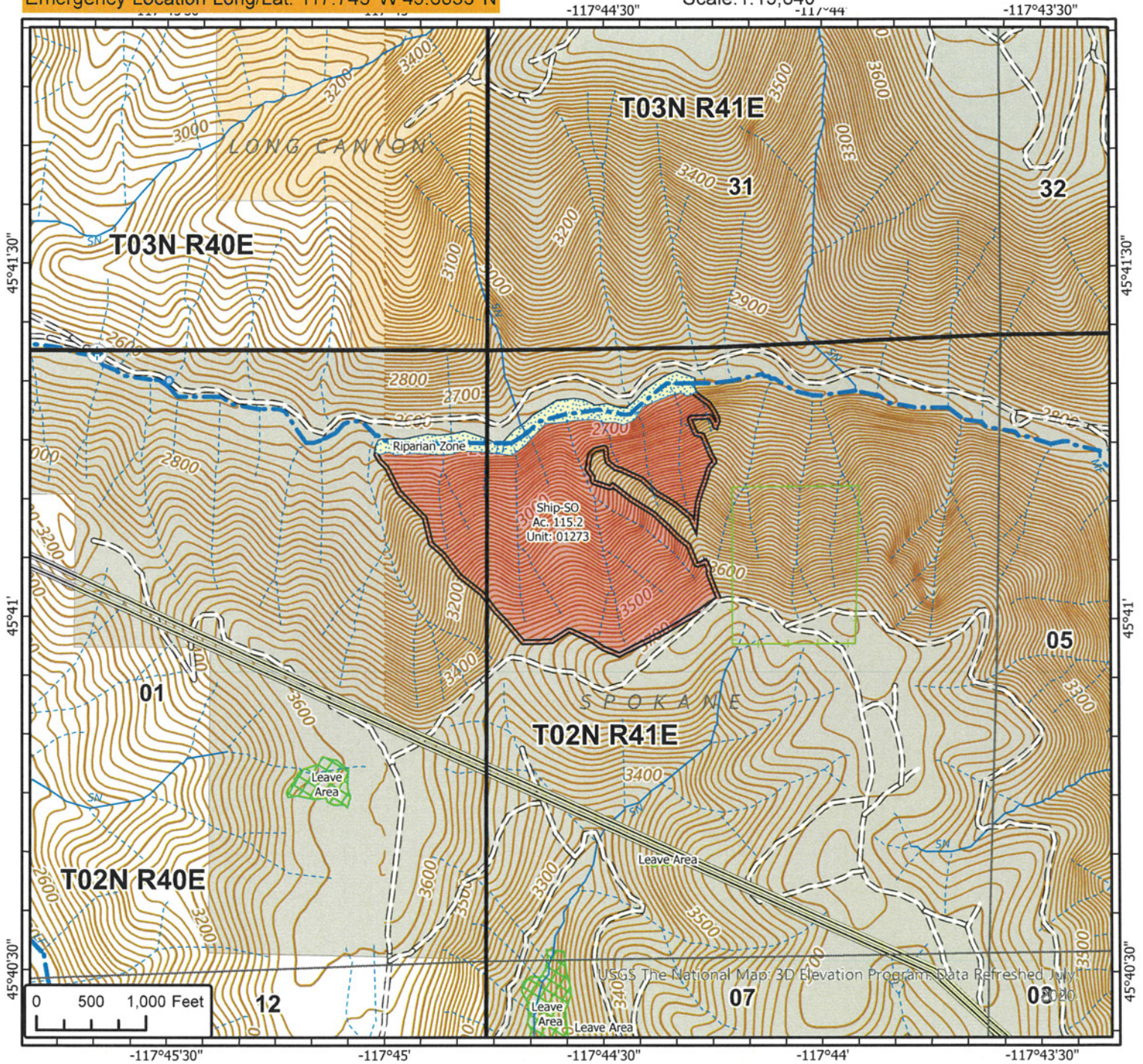
Quinton Big Knife (541)521-3464

Forester

Acres: 115.3

Scale: 1:15,840

Emergency Location Long/Lat: 117.743°W 45.6853°N



Legend

Ownership

- Bluecreek
- Colville
- Lewiston
- Long Canyon
- Sandpoint
- Silver Mountain
- Spokane

Harvest Unit

- Clearcut
- Commercial Thin
- Select Cut
- Overstory Removal
- Exclusion Area Type
 - Leave Area
 - Riparian Area
 - Unstable Slopes

Roads

- Highway
- County
- Mainline
- Secondary
- <all other values>
- Gates

Streams

- LF
- LN
- MF
- MN
- SF
- SN
- Unknown

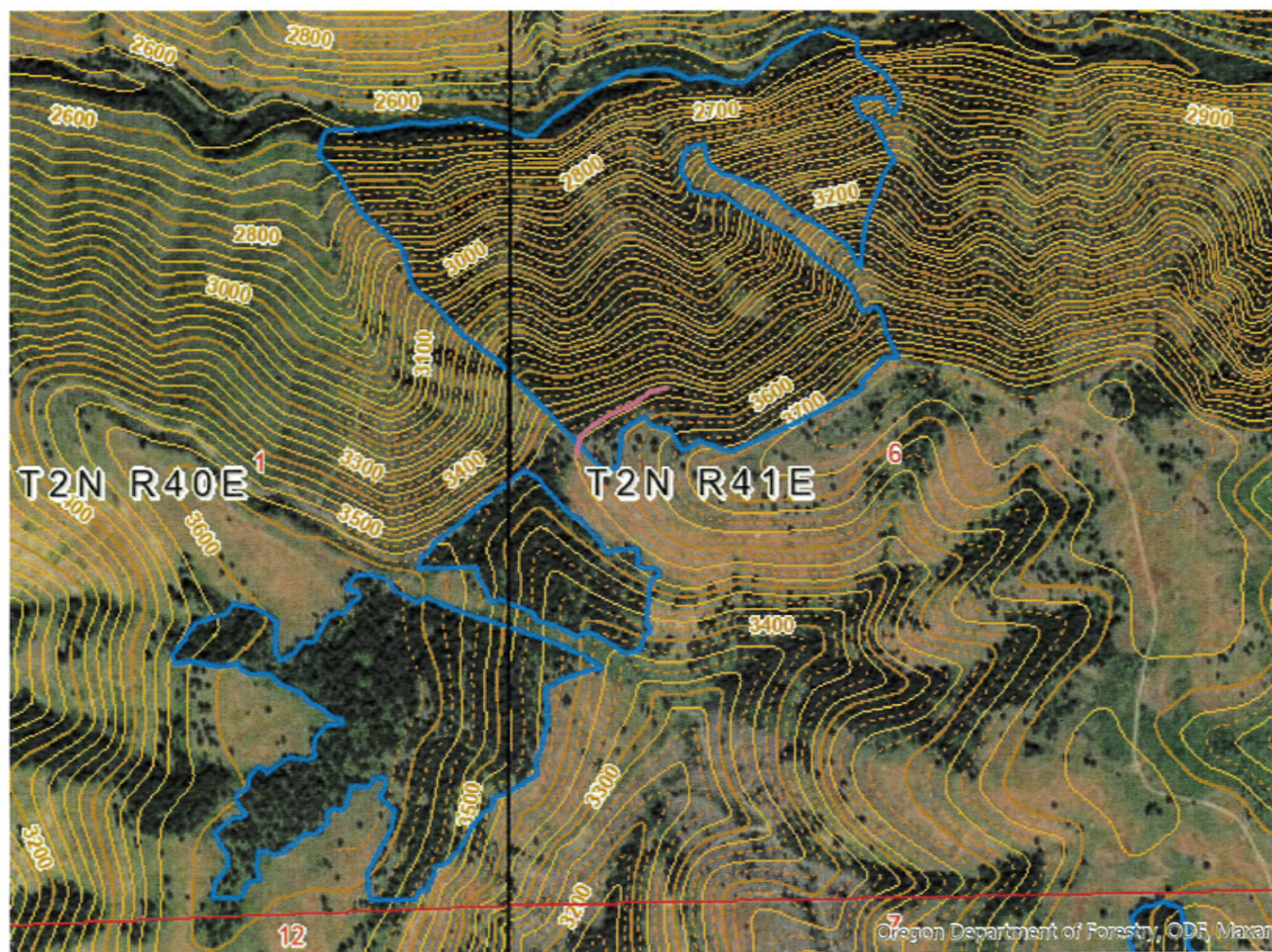
Wetlands

- Other
- Significant (8+ acres)
- Water Bodies
- Structures
 - Bridge
 - Culvert

Utilities

- Electric
- Telephone
- Water Pipeline
- Gas or Other
- FenceLine





EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE: NEXT STEPS

- Viewing Nomination video
- Utilize the score card to score each of the nominations
- Committee members discussion for Operator of the Year
- ** Committee members Vote for selection of Operator of the Year
- Committee members discussion on Merit Award awards for any Operator of the Year nominee not selected as Op of Yr winner
- ** Vote for Merit Award recognition winners

