

# **SOUTHWEST OREGON REGIONAL FOREST PRACTICES COMMITTEE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR TOUR**

Tour: October 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



## **Southwest Oregon Region - Op Yr Tour Timeline**

### **Wednesday 10/22/2025**

Meet @ DFPA Office	0730 - 0800
Travel to 7 Feathers Casino	0800 – 0830
<i>Meet in the parking lot (north side of casino – see map attached) in the red circle &amp; 825am</i>	
Load @ 7-Feathers	0830 - 0840
Travel to Site (Days Cr area- Weber Logging)	0840 - 0930
Site tour	0930 – 1015
Return to 7-Feathers	1015 – 1100
Unload	1100 - 1110
Travel to ODF Grants Pass (Merlin)	1110 – 1200
Lunch	1200 – 1220
Travel to site	1220 - 1400
Site tour (Wilkerson)	1400 - 1445
Return to Grants Pass	1445 – 1615
Unload/restroom	1615 – 1630
Return to Roseburg	1630 – 1730
Overnight Roseburg	

### **Thursday 10/23/2025**

RFPC meeting @ DFPA conference room	(tentative)	0900
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Travel DFPA -> 7-Feathers casino: approx.. 30mins

Travel 7-Feathers -> ODF GP office (Merlin): approx. 40mins

ODF GP office -> DFPA office: approx. 1hr





## 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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- 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  
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OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

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# **STOP #1**

## **WEBER LOGGING**

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



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# **2025 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form**

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

REGION (NW/SW/East): ***Southwest Oregon***

DISTRICT: ***Douglas***

NOMINATED BY: Roseburg Resources

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## **OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:**

Operator Company Name: Weber Logging & Construction

Company Address:

Company Phone No. (541)-580-7860

Company Email: Logitnow@hotmail.com

Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Austin Weber

Contact Cell Phone No. (541)-580-7860

Contacts Email: Logitnow@hotmail.com

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

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

Date of Operation: 1/15/25-4/30/25

NOAP No. 2024-730-13185

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): T29S-R3W Sec 36

General Description of Operation: Cable/ Tether Logging Unit

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved: 6 SRAs and a DDFTA

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## **Criteria of Award Nomination**

Describe Operator's **Consistency** in performance over the years (use examples):  
Operator is proficient in the use of new technology to be efficient, safe, and protect resources. Always takes extra time to protect sensitive areas and clean up after equipment impacts.

Describe the **Difficulty** and complexity of the operation nominated as well as past operations in regards to protection of forest resources: Unit had 6 SRAs that were selected. These SRAs were large areas and broke up the unit and the operator used various logging systems to productively log around these areas while protecting the.

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: Opreator used a combination of yarder logging, yoder and tether logging to best match the different areas of the unit.

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

Describe the **Financial Risk assumed by the operator** as well as how much influence the landowner had on this operation: Operator was the low bidder out of several different loggers. Landowner lagged in the unit, approved operators logging plan and ensures that their ground is protected and all aspects of the contract are met.

**OTHER INFO** that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee: Operator consistently will take on any unit no matter how difficult it may be. Uses technology to be productive and safe. Operator often takes innovative approach to units and takes extra step to ensure the landowner and state are satisfied with final product.

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**Landowner of Operation listed above:**

Agency/Company: Roseburg Resources  
Contact Name: Michael Williams  
Title: Logging Contract Supervisor  
Email: MichaelWill@Rfpco.com  
Phone No. (541)-643-8787

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**Nominator(s):**

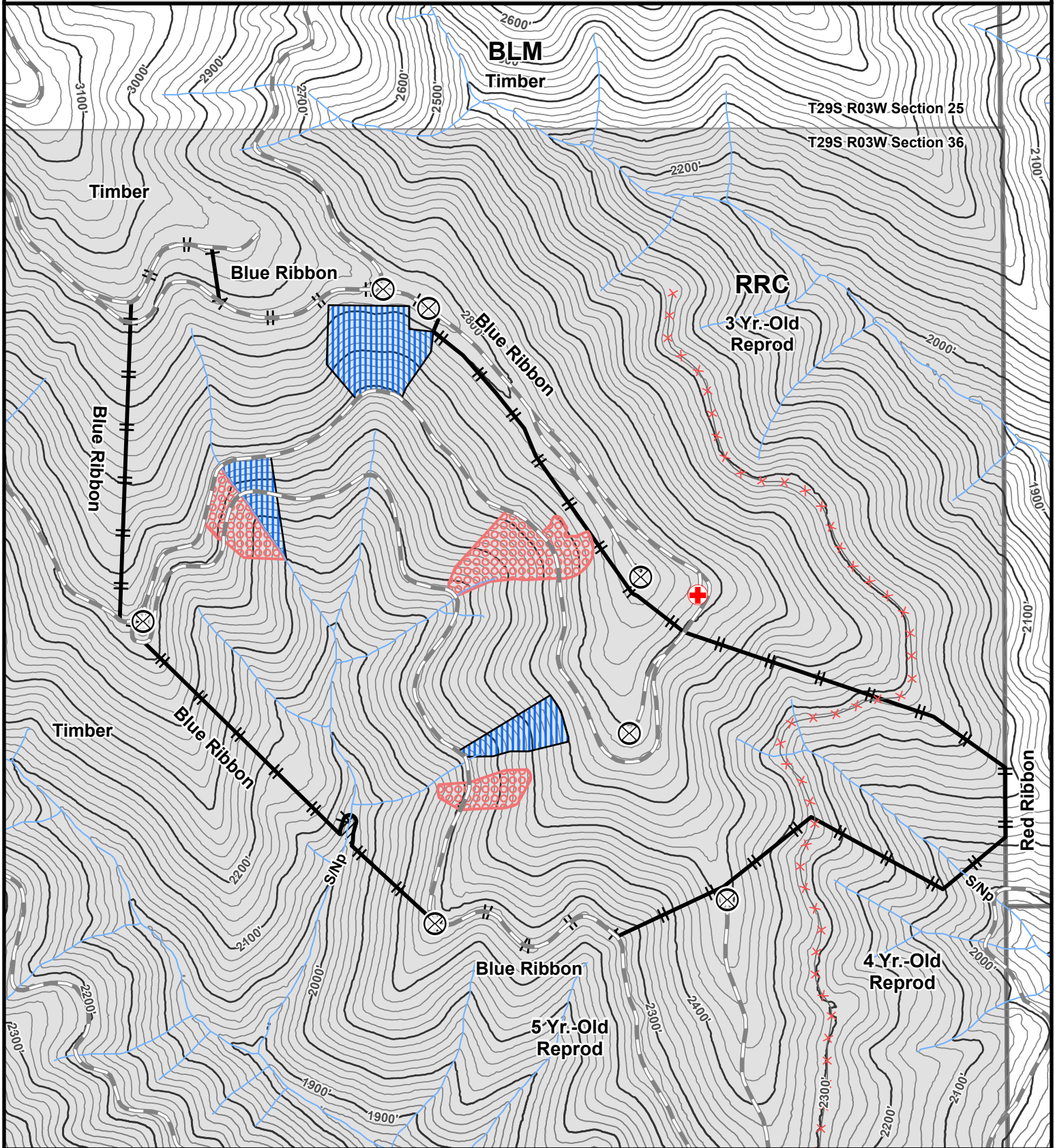
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***Please Attach if Available (for the selected demonstration operation) or other overall information for operators history and experiences:***

- 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 by Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Please email nominations to: [ood.nominations@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:ood.nominations@odf.oregon.gov)

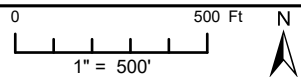


**Unit Name:** Honey Grahams  
**Unit No.:** 2473  
**Unit Acres:** 105  
**Sec. (T-R):** 36 (T29S-R3W)

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|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|
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|  | Medical Evacuation |  | Slope Retention Area Non-trigger |
|  | Rocked Rd          |  | Slope Retention Area Trigger     |
|  | Abandoned Rd       |  | Roseburg Ownership               |
|  | Cutting Boundary   |  |                                  |

**Landowner:** RRC  
**Collateral Pool:** FCL  
**Depletion Pool:** RR

**Medical Evacuation**  
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**Long:** 123° 00.4189' W  
**Regulated Use Area:** DG-2  
**Date:** 12/27/2024





Date: November 10, 2023

State of Oregon  
Department of  
Forestry

Harvest Unit: Honey Grahams #2473

This is a **written plan for Honey Grahams #2473**. It addresses cutting & yarding activities in the vicinity of **Graham Gulch** tributaries and the location and selection of DSSA's/SRA's.

## **Yarding; Cable Equipment Near Waters of the State** *OAR 629-630-0700*

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### **DSSA**

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Individual who marked the SRA boundaries: Michael Williams

Date of steep slopes training for marking individual: 6/24/23

### **Yarding Corridors through SRA's Without Trigger Sources**

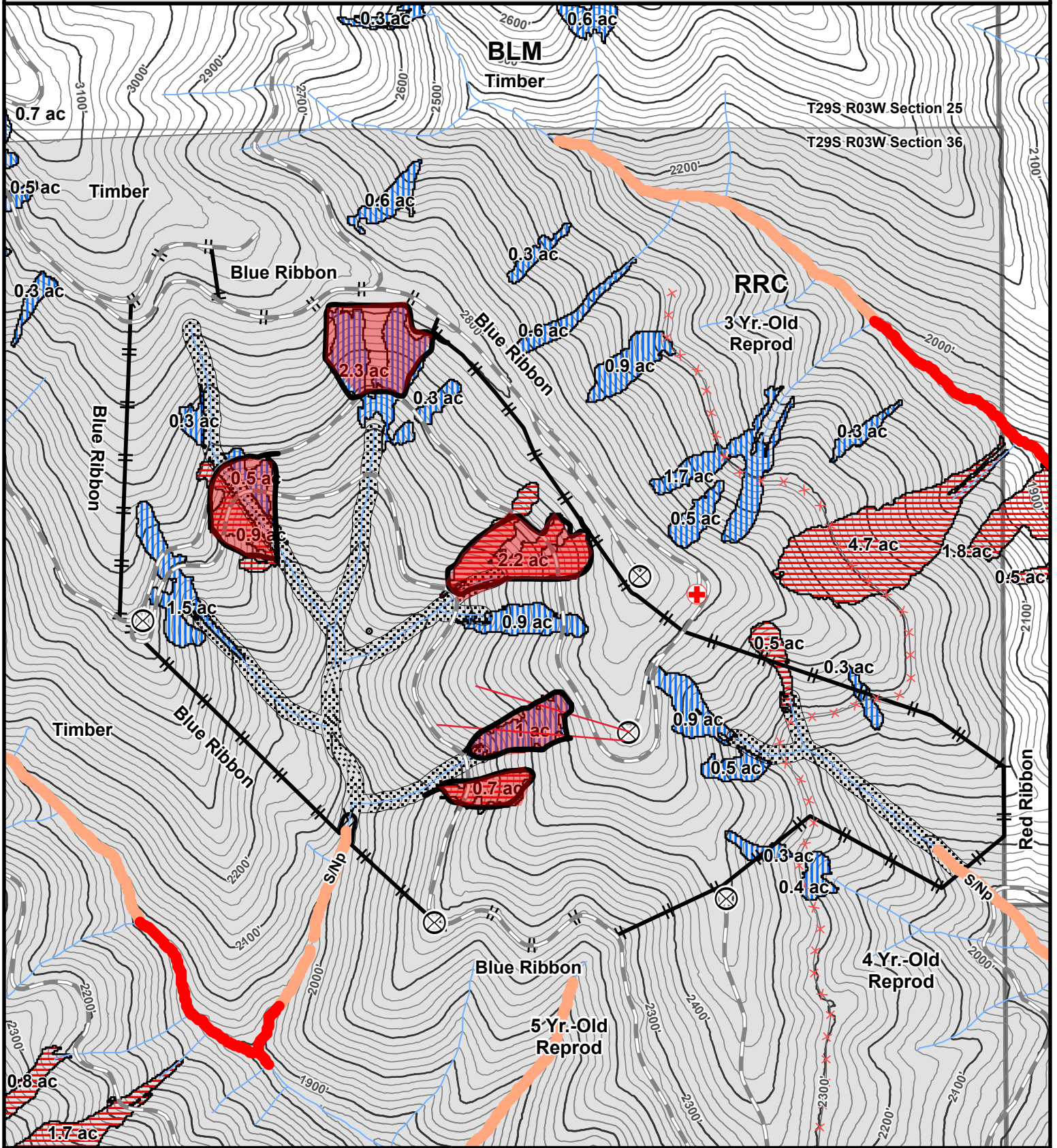
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## **Designated Debris Flow Traversal Areas (DDFTA) OAR 629-630-0905**

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### **Yarding Corridors through DDFTA's**

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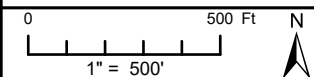
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## NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/PERMIT TO OPERATE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY (NOAP)

Notification Number:

2024-730-13185C

Operation Name:

Honey Grahams #2473



### 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.
- The Operator must report on all activities on this NOAP by December 31 of the NOAP's Activity year unless a continuation has been issued. Continued NOAPs must be reported by the end of the following year.

**Person Submitting the NOAP:** RRC Operations

This NOAP was CONTINUED on 1/2/2025 and will expire on 12/31/2025

**Date NOAP Submitted:** December 11, 2024

**Report Generated:** September 26, 2025

**Landowner Status:** The Landowner is not a Small Forestland Owner

### 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

Roseburg  
1758 NE Airport Rd  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470  
Phone: (541) 440-3412  
ODF Forester: Cody Frieler  
Email: cody.e.frieler@odf.oregon.gov

### Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Michael Williams  
Phone: 541-643-8787

Landowner(s)	Notice to Landowner(s)
Roseburg Resources Company PO Box 288 Dillard, Oregon 97432 (541) 679-3311	Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting. The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws. Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.
Timber Owner	Notice to Timber Owner
Roseburg Resources Company PO Box 288 Dillard, Oregon 97432 (541) 679-3311	If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

### Written Plans

A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the ODF Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](#) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your ODF Forester for more information.

### Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Cody Frieler on 12/18/2024

Waiver of 15-day waiting period granted.

Cody Frieler on 12/18/2024

There are High Landslide Hazard Locations within the notified area. High landslide Hazard Locations are defined as areas with slopes over 75% or 65% in a headwall or draw. Structures or public roads were not found within the further review area during the initial screening. Resource protection rules still apply, including but not limited to 629-630-0500 (3) and (4). These rules prohibit the construction of skid roads and the operation of ground-based equipment on HLHL slopes. \*\*\*\*

This operation appears to contain 12 Designated Sediment Source Areas (DSSA's). 50% of the DSSA's within the unit must be selected and retained as sediment source areas (SRA's) per OAR 629-630-0910. A non-statutory written plan with map is required designating SRA selections and reasoning. \*\*\*

This operation appears to contain 2 Designated Debris Flow Traversal Areas (DDFTA's). Starting from the lowest point, retain trees along the DDFTA within 25' slope distance from either side of the active channel for whichever is longer: A. the entire length of the upper 20% DDFTA or B. 1000' max. \*\*\*

Notified area contains 1 or more S/Np streams. Standard buffers apply: S/Np flowing into a F stream, RHmax = 75 RMA for 600'. Upstream of RHmax distances all Np streams are required to have a 35' retention equipment limitation zone (R-ELZ). No other concerns or conflicts detected at this time. \*\*\*

### Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the ODF forester to withdraw this consent.

**Compliance Monitoring:** Landowners are required to provide access to their operation sites for ODF compliance monitoring studies in accordance with OAR 629-678-0100.

**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.

**Pesticide Use:** Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.

**Operations Near Utility Lines:** If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

**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.

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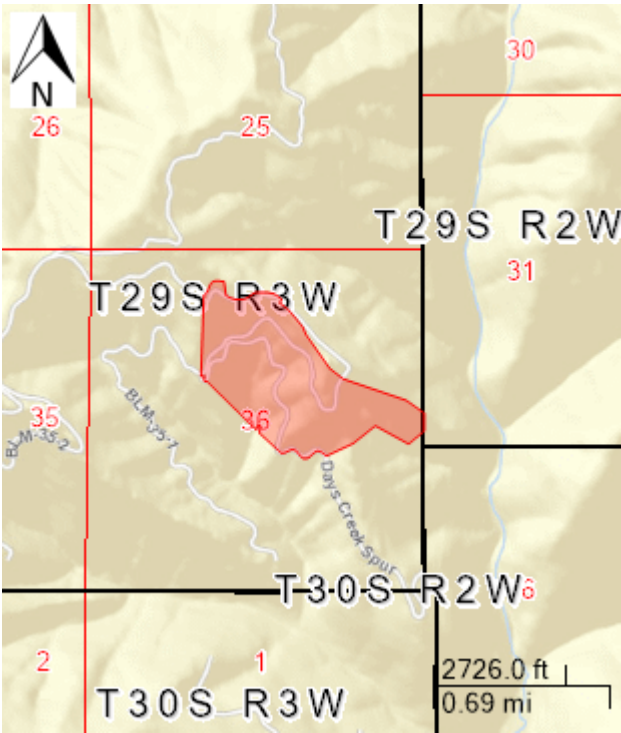
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Unit 1 of 1: Honey Grahams #2473

105.1 acres Douglas County(s) T29S R2W Sec31,T29S R3W Sec36 Regulated Use Area: DG-2

<b>Operator:</b> Austin Weber Weber Logging and Construction Inc P.O. Box 2236 Roseburg, Oregon 97470 (541) 496-0727	<b>Activity:</b> Clearcut/Overstory Removal <b>Start:</b> 12/26/2024 <b>End:</b> 12/31/2025 <b>Completion Status:</b> Open	<b>Method(s):</b> Cable, Ground <b>Quantity:</b> 2200.00 MBF
<b>Operator:</b> RRC Forestry Roseburg Resources Co PO Box 288 Dillard, Oregon 97432 (541) 679-3311	<b>Activity:</b> Treatment of Slash <b>Start:</b> 12/26/2024 <b>End:</b> 12/31/2025 <b>Completion Status:</b> Open	<b>Method(s):</b> Manual, Mechanical, Burning - piles

Unit Map: Honey Grahams #2473





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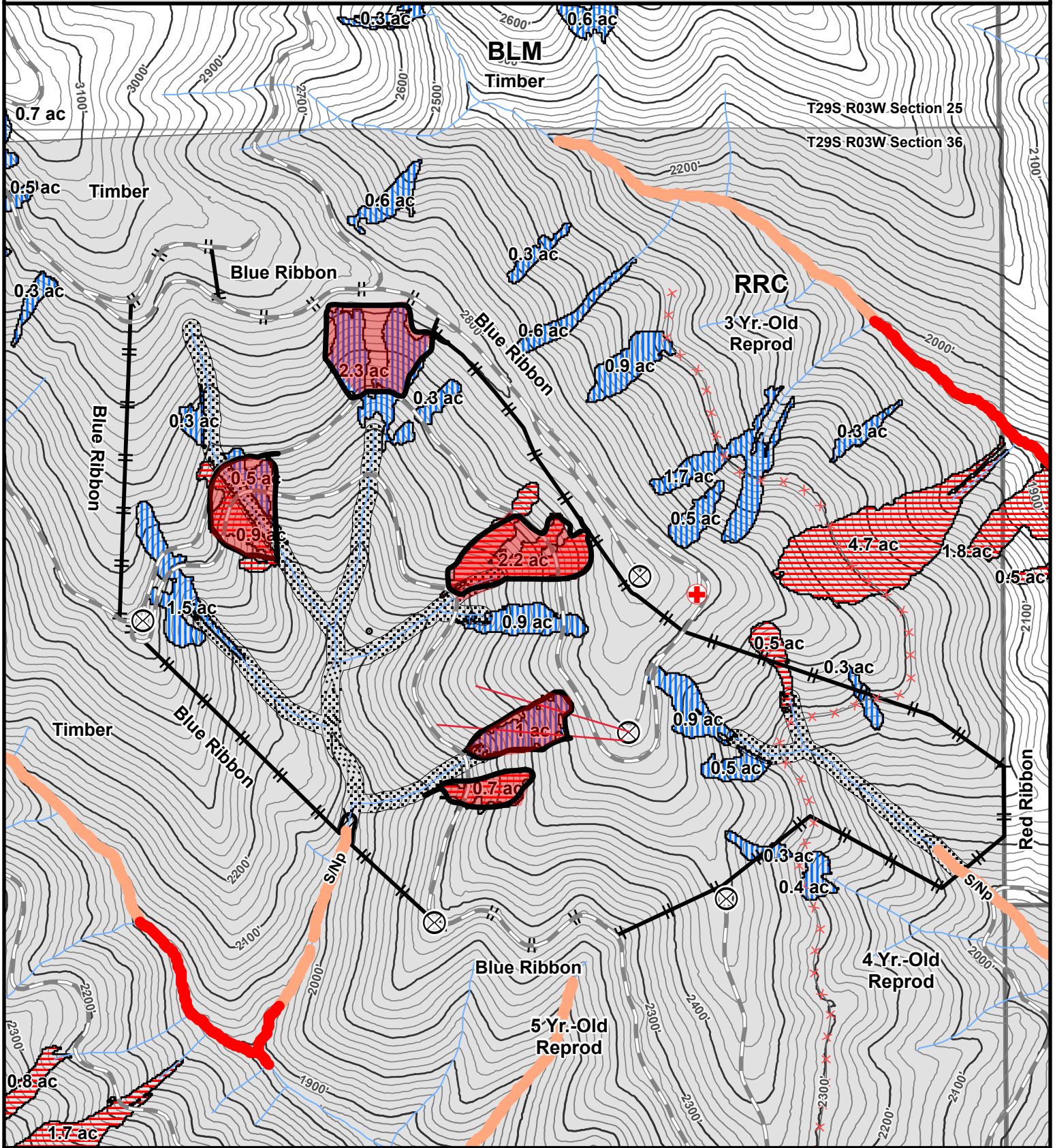
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# **STOP #2**

## **DAVE WILDERSON LOGGING**

Eastern Oregon Regional Forest Practices Committee

Operator of the Year Tour – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



OPTIONAL RATING FORM  
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CONCERN FOR RESOURCE	20	
INNOVATION/EFFORT	15	
RESULTS	30	
TOTAL SCORE		



## **2025 Operator Recognition Program – Nomination Form**

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

REGION (NW/SW/East): SW

DISTRICT: SW

NOMINATED BY: Marcus Havnear & Alex Gehrig

**OPERATOR INFORMATION AND MAILING ADDRESS:**

Operator Company Name: Dave Wilkerson Logging LLC

Company Address:9646 Highway 62 Eagle Point OR 97524

Company Phone No. (541) 890-4047

Company Email:

Company Primary Contact Name (Owner): Dave Wilkerson

Contact Cell Phone No. ( )

Contacts Email:

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

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

Date of Operation: Winter/Spring/Summer 2025

NOAP No.: 2024-711-12483

Location of Operation (Legal Desc & Landmark): T34S R3E S22

General Description of Operation: Ground operations Clear cut/overstory removal

What were the protected resources involved and efforts involved: Several streams including North Fork Big Butte Creek.

## Criteria of Award Nomination

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

Dave has consistently been willing to go above and beyond efforts required to fulfill rules of the FPA. He proactively communicates with ODF foresters when issues or questions arise and is willing to sacrifice up to and including the bottom line.

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

A dynamic winter meant ground conditions were constantly in flux and Dave was willing to stop operations on one site after the weather shifted and move equipment to another operation to avoid negative impacts. This occurred multiple times and Dave was more than willing to do it.

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:

Access to a portion of this site was close to the RMA designated by Big Butte Creek. An existing historical landing was within the RMA but skidding around it to another site would have taken more time and had a larger impact on the site overall. Dave began communicating with ODF early on to look for a solution that would work, implemented it and followed up with ODF to make sure that it met requirements. He took his time, built adequate drainage, used appropriate materials and resources to shore it up.

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

Protected waters of the state, minimal impact to soil resources.

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

In an industry that prizes time as a part of profit, Dave is willing to spend above and beyond, not only to ensure compliance but to minimize the operation's impact in the landscape. Moving equipment shortly after starting a job because weather conditions were not optimal is costly. Taking the extra time and resources to go above the minimum effort needed to meet FPA guidance is exceptional as well.

**OTHER INFO** that should be known for consideration to help form a solid picture of your nominee: Dave is a guy that believes when you tell someone you are going to do something, you do it, and to the best of your abilities. His word holds value with all of the Foresters in Southwest Oregon, and we couldn't be happier to nominate him for operator of the year.

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**Landowner of Operation listed above:**

Agency/Company: Siskiyou Timberland LLC  
Contact Name: Mikaela Gosney  
Title: Operations Forester  
Email: [mikaela@chinookforestmanagement.com](mailto:mikaela@chinookforestmanagement.com)

Phone No. ( 541 ) 409-3516

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**Nominator(s):**

Name: Marcus Havniear  
Agency/Company: ODF  
Title: Stewardship Forester  
Email: Marcus.HAVNIEAR@odf.oregon.gov  
Phone No. (541) - 664-3328

Name: Alex Gehrig

Agency/Company: ODF  
Title: Stewardship Forester  
Email: [alex.w.gehrig@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:alex.w.gehrig@odf.oregon.gov)  
Phone No. ( 541 ) 664-3328

***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 no later than Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Please email nominations to: [ooynominations@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:ooynominations@odf.oregon.gov)



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

Notification Number:

2024-711-12483C

Operation Name:

Railroad Camp



### 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.
- The Operator must report on all activities on this NOAP by December 31 of the NOAP's Activity year unless a continuation has been issued. Continued NOAPs must be reported by the end of the following year.

**Person Submitting the NOAP:** Mikaela Gosney

This NOAP was CONTINUED on 12/18/2024  
and will expire on 12/31/2025

**Date NOAP Submitted:** October 29, 2024

**Report Generated:** September 26, 2025

**Landowner Status:** The Landowner is not a Small  
Forestland Owner

### 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

Medford  
5286 Table Rock Rd  
Central Point, Oregon 97502  
Phone: (541) 664-3328  
ODF Forester: Marcus Havnear  
Email: [marcus.havnear@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:marcus.havnear@odf.oregon.gov)

### Operator's Fire Emergency Contact

Contact Name: Mikaela Gosney  
Phone: (541) 295-8045

Landowner(s)	Notice to Landowner(s)
Chinook Forest Management Siskiyou Timberland LLC 1867 Williams Hwy Suite 109C Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 (541) 292-5622	Reforestation may be required after timber harvesting. The Oregon Department of Forestry may conduct on-site inspections for compliance with forest practice and fire protection laws. Land use conversion to non-forest use is subject to other state and local regulations, which may affect use or development of a site.
Timber Owner	Notice to Timber Owner
Chinook Forest Management Siskiyou Timberland LLC 1867 Williams Hwy Suite 109C Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 (541) 292-5622	If timber is harvested, the party owning the timber at the point it is first measured is responsible for payment of Oregon timber taxes.

### Written Plans

A Written Plan (in addition to this NOAP) is required before operation activities can begin near the protected resources listed with the Unit information or Site Conditions below or otherwise described to you by the ODF Forester ([OAR 629-605-0170](https://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Forestry/Pages/629-605-0170) (2), (3), and (5)). The Written Plan must describe in detail how the resource(s) will be protected during the operation. There is a waiting period for Written Plans that is separate from the notification waiting period. Contact your ODF Forester for more information.

### Formal Comments from Oregon Department of Forestry

Marcus Havniear on 2/11/2025

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

Marcus Havniear on 1/23/2025

Written plan for landings uploaded. Public comment period begins.

Marcus Havniear on 12/18/2024

Continued for 2025.

Marcus Havniear on 12/13/2024

Fully implementing the written plan is likely to achieve resource protections.

Marcus Havniear on 10/30/2024

Resource review is complete. N Fork Big Butte Creek is a large SSBT and requires a 110' RMA buffer. Tributaries to Big Butte Creek and Camp Creek are small Np until a flow permeance survey is approved. Small Np will need a 75' RMA for the first 500' and a 50' RMA for the next 650' to the RH max. If survey is approved a 35' ELZ will need to be implemented. No other FPA protected resources. Follow all ODF rules and regulations while working during fire season. Follow all smoke management guidelines while burning. Adhere to label guidelines while applying herbicide. Written Plan received 10/29/2024.

### Site Conditions (reported by the Notifier)

Stream within 100 feet of area.

Slope of steepest 1/3 area: 15 %.

### Notices

Submitting this Notification of operations on lands described in the NOAP constitutes consent for Department staff to access the property to ensure compliance with state law and rules governing forest practices through on-site inspections. The landowner must notify the ODF forester to withdraw this consent.

**Compliance Monitoring:** Landowners are required to provide access to their operation sites for ODF compliance monitoring studies in accordance with OAR 629-678-0100.

**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.

**Pesticide Use:** Pesticide users must follow all pesticide product label requirements, including any that prohibit applications near or into streams or other water bodies! Pesticide users must be sure the label that comes with the pesticide product allows the planned use! Contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture [here](#) or at 503-986-4635 for information on allowed uses of pesticide products.

**Operations Near Utility Lines:** If you are conducting timber harvesting or road construction within 100 feet of overhead utility lines contact the local utility in accordance with ORS 757.805 - Oregon's Overhead Safety Act and OAR 437-007-0230 - Power Line Safeguards. Identification tags are located on each pole.

Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 811 at least 2 business days before starting timber harvesting, road construction, or any other activities involving excavation that may affect an underground utility line. The Center will coordinate with the appropriate utility companies to locate underground utility lines that may be affected by your activities.

**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: Railroad Camp

116.3 acres Jackson County(s)

T34S R3E Sec26,T34S R3E  
Sec27,T34S R3E Sec22,T34S  
R3E Sec23

Regulated Use Area: SW-2

<b>Operator:</b> David Wilkerson Dave Wilkerson Logging LLC 9646 Hwy 62 Eagle Point, Oregon 97524 (541) 890-4047	<b>Activity:</b> Clearcut/Overstory Removal <b>Start:</b> 11/13/2024 <b>End:</b> 12/31/2025 <b>Completion Status:</b> Open	<b>Method(s):</b> Ground <b>Quantity:</b> 885.00 MBF
<b>Operator:</b> Chinook Forest Management Siskiyou Timberland LLC 1867 Williams Hwy Suite 109C Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 (541) 292-5622	<b>Activity:</b> Herbicide Application (Unit) <b>Start:</b> 11/13/2024 <b>End:</b> 12/31/2025 <b>Chemical(s):</b> imazapyr <b>Chemical Carrier(s):</b> None <b>Chemical Additive(s):</b> None <b>Completion Status:</b> Open	<b>Method(s):</b> Ground - Manual spot application
<b>Operator:</b> Chinook Forest Management Siskiyou Timberland LLC 1867 Williams Hwy Suite 109C Grants Pass, Oregon 97527 (541) 292-5622	<b>Activity:</b> Treatment of Slash <b>Start:</b> 11/13/2024 <b>End:</b> 12/31/2025 <b>Completion Status:</b> Open	<b>Method(s):</b> Burning - piles

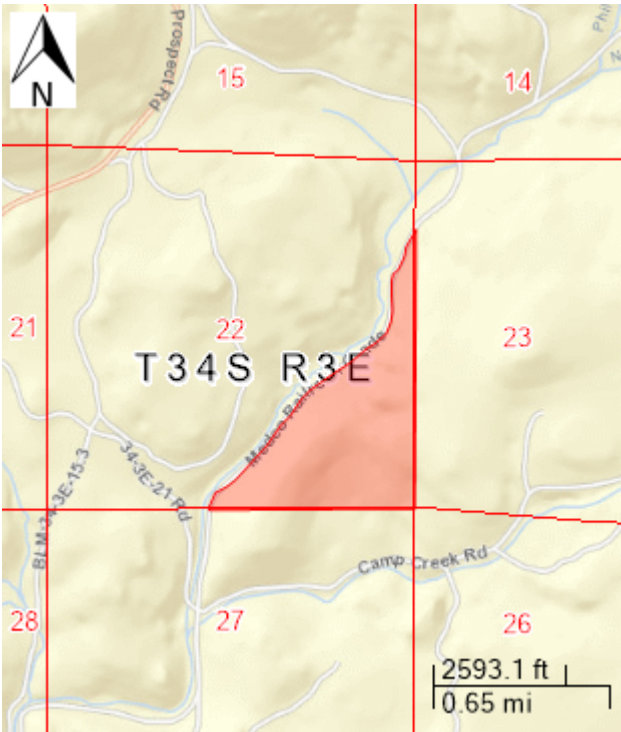
## Resources on or near this Unit

Statutory Written Plan required within 100 feet of	Statutory Written Plan required within 300 feet of
North Fork Big Butte Creek: Large - Type F Stream	
North Fork Big Butte Creek: Large - SSBT 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: Railroad Camp





## WRITTEN PLAN FOR OPERATION

**Notification Name:** Railroad Camp

**Operator:** Dave Wilkerson Logging LLC

**Land Owner:** Siskiyou Timberlands, LLC

**Practice Requiring Plan:** Harvest Operations within 100 feet of type F streams.

**Involved Resources:**

<i>Unit Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Legal Description</i>	<i>Stream Name</i>	<i>Buffer Distance</i>
<b>Railroad Camp</b>	L SSBT	34S-3E-22	North Fork Big Butte Ck	110 ft
<b>Railroad Camp</b>	LF	34S-3E-22	North Fork Big Butte Ck	110 ft
<b>Railroad Camp</b>	SNp	34S-3E-22	North Fork Big Butte Trib	75 ft

**Operations:** Siskiyou Timberlands, LLC plans to harvest timber through an overstory removal and hack & squirt hardwoods on the fore mentioned lands as part of our 2024 harvest program. This unit is adjacent to a large SSBT, large type F, and small nonfish perennial stream listed above. In this case, we plan to apply a 110' no cut buffer on the large fish and SSBT stream with no hack and squirt activity within that buffer, and a 75' no hack/no cut buffer on the small perennial stream to the end of perenniality. Timber adjacent to the no cut portion of the RMA will be directionally felled away from the buffer.

**PLAN PREPARED BY:**

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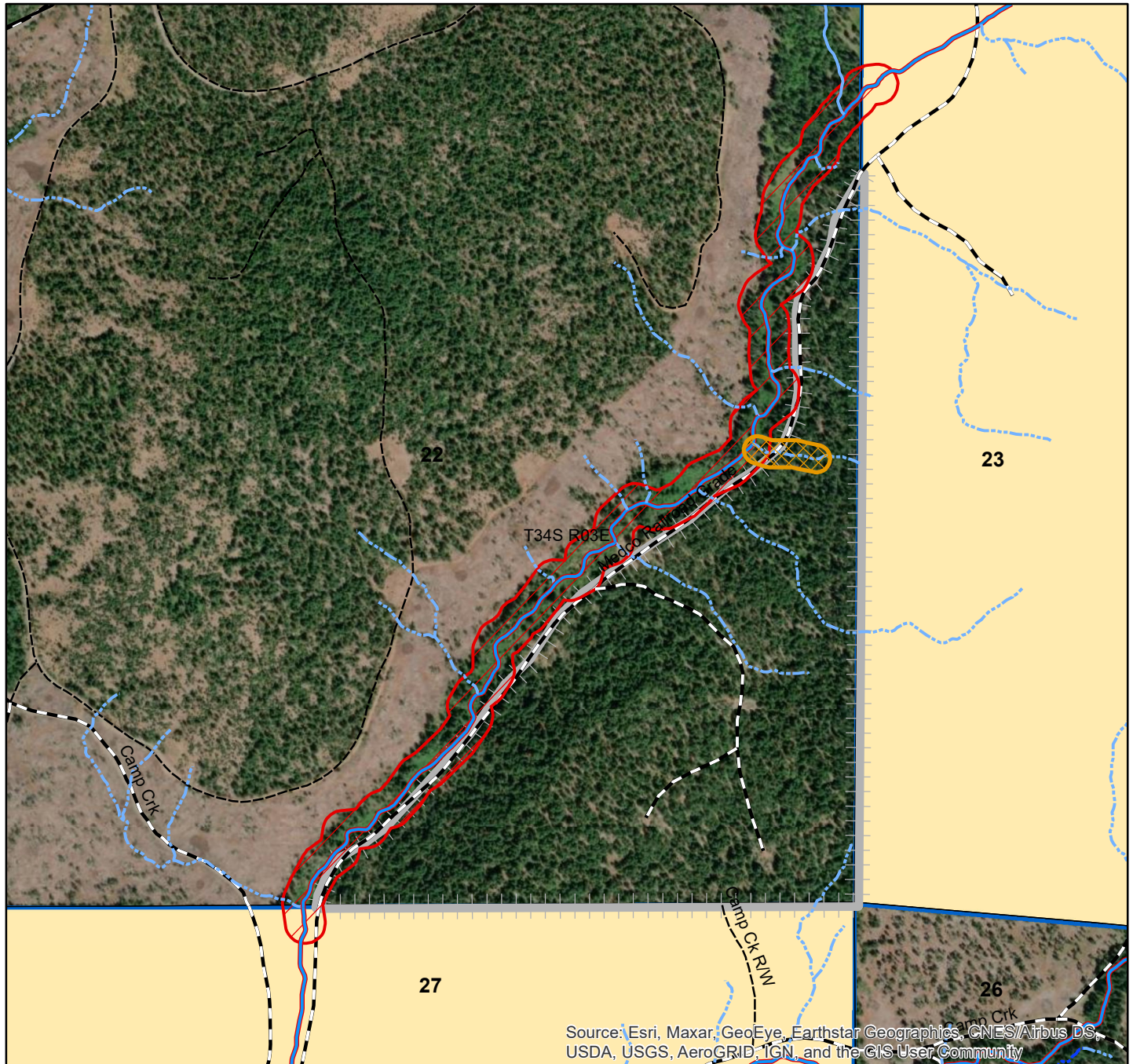
Mikaela Gosney, Operations Forester

Date: 10/29/2024



## Railroad Camp

114 Acres  
T34S R3E Sec. 22






Lat/Long: 42.59582, -122.44562





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

### Harvest Operations

-  Railroad\_Camp\_(116\_ac)
-  110ft L SSBT Buffer
-  75ft buffer





### Ownership

-  Chinook-Siskiyou
-  BLM

### Transportation

-  Aggregate
-  Bituminous
-  Natural
-  Unknown

### Hydrography/Geology

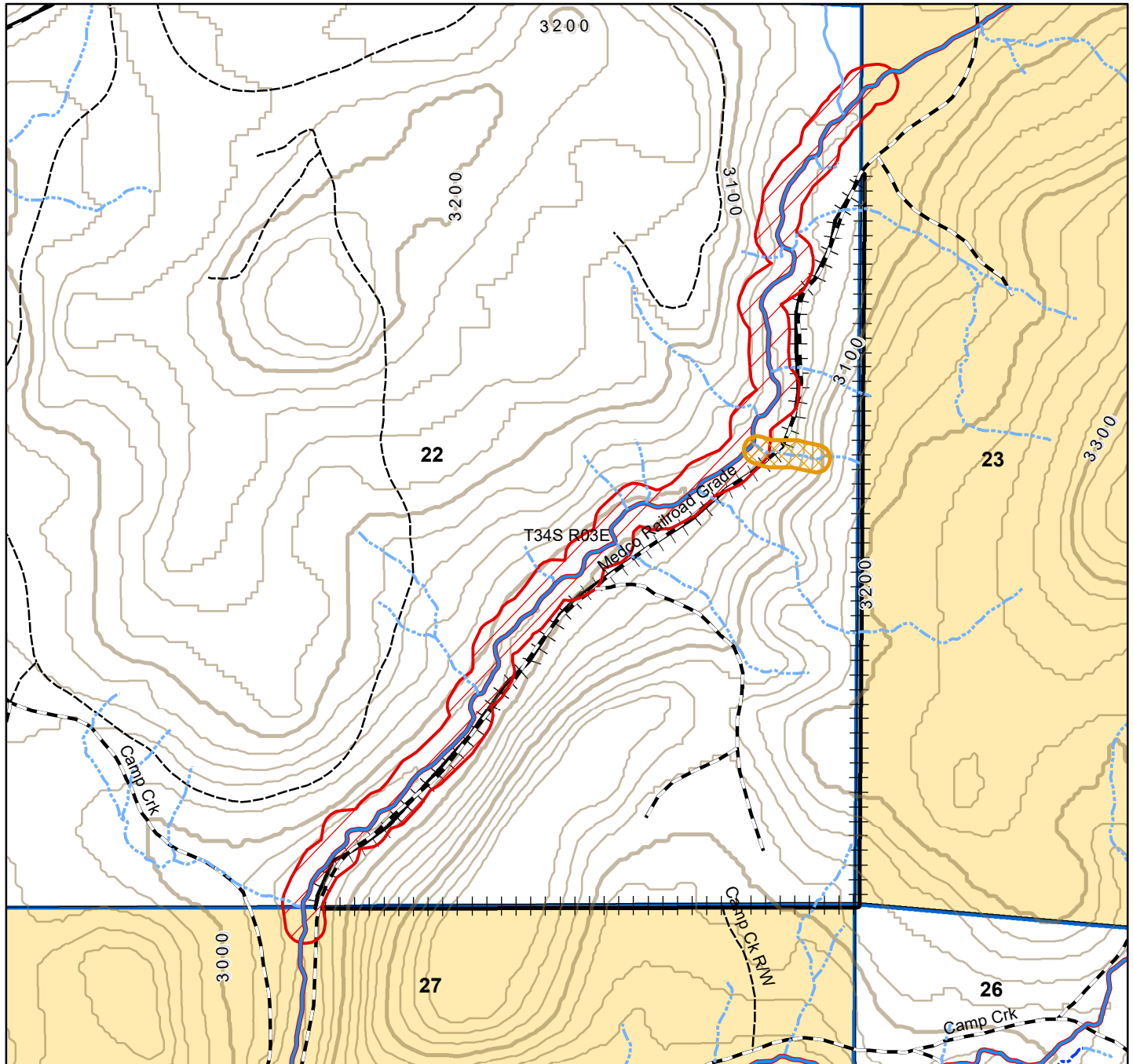
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**CHINOOK**  
FOREST MANAGEMENT

## Railroad Camp

114 Acres  
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### Harvest Operations

- Railroad\_Camp\_(116\_ac)
- 110ft L SSBT Buffer
- 75ft buffer

### Ownership

- Chinook-Siskiyou
- BLM

### Transportation

- Aggregate
- Bituminous
- Natural
- Unknown

### Hydrography/Geology

- L SSBT
- SFs
- SNp
- SNs



## WRITTEN PLAN FOR OPERATION

**Notification Name/ID:** Railroad Camp 2024-711-12483(c)

**Operator:** Dave Wilkerson Logging LLC

**Land Owner:** Siskiyou Timberlands, LLC

**Practice Requiring Plan:** Utilization of landing within 100 feet of type F streams.

**Involved Resources:**

<i>Unit Name</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Legal Description</i>	<i>Stream Name</i>	<i>Buffer Distance</i>
Railroad Camp	L SSBT	34S-3E-22	North Fork Big Butte Ck	110 ft

**Operations:** Siskiyou Timberlands, LLC plans to harvest timber through an overstory removal and implement hack-and-squirt treatments for hardwoods on the aforementioned lands as part of our 2025 harvest program. This unit is adjacent to a significant SSBT stream, as listed above, which will have a 110-foot no-cut/no-hack buffer.

Due to the location of the existing road within the notified area, there are no feasible alternative landing locations to utilize for harvesting the unit. Consequently, one landing will be located within the 110-foot buffer at approximately 42.59408, -122.44768 (see attached maps). This landing will only be used for processing, decking, and loading logs within the existing road prism, and no trees will be cut during the operation. Using the pre-existing landing minimizes the overall impact compared to constructing a new road and landing outside of the RMA.

**PLAN PREPARED BY:**

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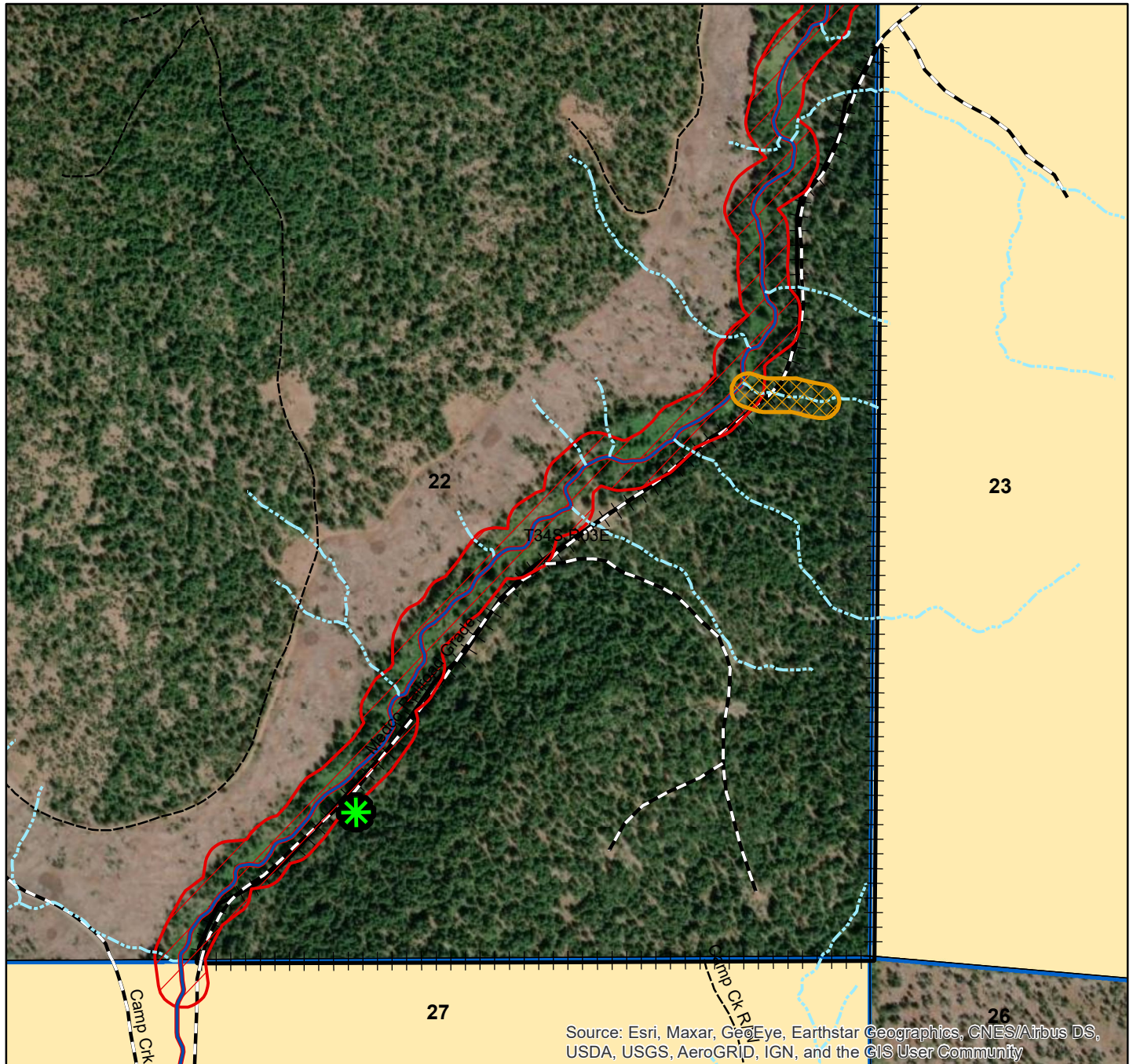
Mikaela Gosney, Operations Forester

Date: 1/21/2025



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114 Acres  
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

### Harvest Operations

-  Railroad\_Camp\_(116\_ac)
-  110ft L SSBT Buffer
-  75ft buffer
-  Existing\_Landing\_within\_RMA

### Ownership

-  Chinook-Siskiyou
-  BLM

### Transportation

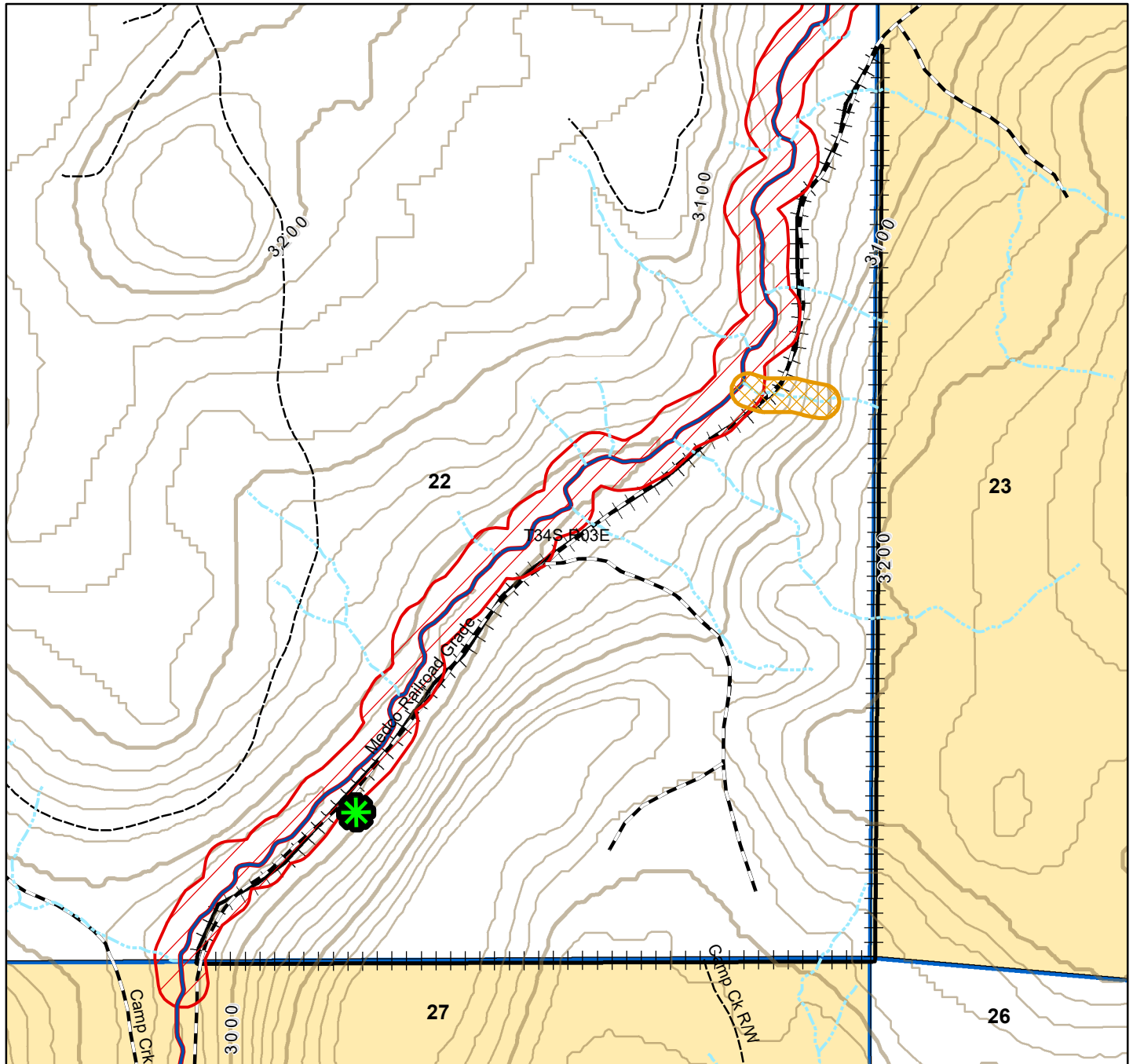
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### Hydrography

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
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

### Harvest Operations

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-  Aggregate
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-  L SSBT
-  SN

# SOUTHWEST 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

