

Current Management Situation Report

Appendix B – Forest Plan Amendments

The number and general nature of amendments for each national forest in the Blue Mountains is listed below, from 1990 to present:

Malheur National Forest

Date	Amendment Topic
11/26/1990	Modified the following standards and guidelines within the Snowshoe (Fire) Recovery Area; percent visual disturbance at one time, minimum width of riparian areas adjacent to existing roads, and location of old growth replacement areas.
12/06/1990	Modified the following standards and guidelines within the Sheep Mountain (Fire) Recovery Area; percent visual disturbance at one time, and minimum width of riparian areas adjacent to existing roads.
12/10/1990	Modified wildlife cover standard in the Jungle Analysis Area to allow for treatment of insect and disease problems.
05/24/1991	Allowed the total big game winter range cover in the Gabe Timber Sale area to be reduced from the existing 18% to 17%, which is below the standard.
07/09/1991	Allowed harvest of hazard trees in visual foregrounds of sensitivity level 1 or 2 corridors prior to the completion of a visual corridor plan.
09/06/1991	Replaced the monitoring plan with a more detailed plan; 41 items unchanged, added Dispersed Recreation Facilities and Trail System, dropped Recreation Opportunity Spectrum and Plan Standards – General, and combined Water Quality Protection and Water Cumulative Effects.
09/06/1991	Refined visual foreground and middleground areas (Forest Road 15 and 15, County road 63), resulted in 1,049 acre change from MA 14 to MA 1.
09/23/1991	Allowed timber harvest in a sensitivity level II foreground viewshed corridor in the Glade II Timber Sale Area prior to the completion of a viewshed corridor plan.
09/26/1991	Allowed timber harvest in viewshed corridor foreground in the Hog Timber Sale area prior to the completion of a viewshed corridor plan.
04/14/1992	Modified the boundary of the visual corridor along U.S. Highway 395 in the Joaquin Commercial Thinning Review Area, and allowed silvicultural treatment prior to completion of a viewshed corridor plan.
07/15/1992	Established new management area (MA 22a) for the North Malheur Scenic River. Determined suitable timber lands, reduced annual forest ASQ, allowed intensive grazing management strategy, and changed the old growth management strategy.

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08/07/1992	Established new management area (MA 22b) for the Malheur Wild and Scenic River. Determined suitable timber lands, reduced annual forest ASQ, allowed intensive grazing management strategy, and changed the old growth management strategy.
08/19/1992	Allowed big-game cover and habitat effectiveness index on the Slip and Slide Timber Sales to drop below standards.
08/21/1992	Allowed Dry Analysis Area timber management activities and connected actions to occur in the visual corridor foreground of County Road 65 and Forest Road 15, in the absence of a visual corridor plan.
10/13/1992	Modified four visual corridor standards in the Genesis New Perspectives Demonstration Project to allow for silvicultural treatment due to declining forest health.
11/17/1992	Designated an old growth replacement area in the Forks Timber Sale Review Area further than the standard of one-quarter mile from the original old growth unit.
11/17/1992	Allowed big-game cover levels and habitat effectiveness index on the Leek Timber Sale to be below standards to achieve long-term desired future conditions.
03/02/1993	Designated an old growth replacement area on the Hog Flat Planning Area more than one-quarter mile from the original old growth area.
04/13/1993	Allowed cover on the Driveway Timber Sale to remain below big-game Winter Range Maintenance standards in subwatershed 14I.
05/20/1993	Provided public access into the Vinegar Hill/Indian Rock Scenic Area as part of the VV Salvage Sale decision by allowing Forest Road 2010 to remain open.
07/11/1993	Relocated Dedicated Old Growth Area #27 to Brophy Creek Drainage and reallocated MA-13 lands to MA-1 lands in the Tin Can Planning Area.
07/21/1993	Allowed sanitation salvage of dead and dying timber within Basket Salvage unit 1 prior to completion of a viewshed corridor plan for Forest Road 16.
08/04/1993	Allowed timber management activities and connected actions in the visual corridor foreground of U.S. Highway 395 and County Road 65 in the Fawn Analysis Area, prior to completion of a viewshed corridor plan. Located an old growth replacement block beyond a one-quarter mile radius from the original dedicated old growth block.
08/13/1993	Modifications within the Shirrtail Analysis Area in the Shirrtail Creek/Rail Creek subwatershed; relocated two dedicated old growth areas, changed the middleground boundary of viewshed corridor along U.S. Highway 395, and allowed a created opening size exemption within the middleground of the viewshed corridor.
07/11/1994	Allowed big game cover to be below Big Game Winter Range Maintenance requirements for the portion of subwatershed 15E within the Cow Cabin Timber Sale Review Area.

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11/25/1994	Allowed harvesting in a visual corridor without a corridor plan, and exceeded the maximum allowable opening size in a visual corridor in the Cabin Fire Recovery Project.
08/18/1995	Allowed harvest entry into several late and old stands as prescribed in the Genesis Ecosystem Management Project.
08/18/1995	Allowed road construction within a riparian area in the Dear John Timber Sale so a road along a fish bearing stream could be obliterated.
09/21/1995	Moved a dedicated old-growth stand within the Awake Timber Sale Area to a location that better met management requirements, and allowed harvest in an REA for aspen improvement.
11/16/1995	Allowed harvest entry into late and old stands in the Starr Timber Sale Area to treat unhealthy understories. Allowed higher than natural levels of concentrated slash in the sensitivity level I visual corridor.
11/16/1995	Allowed treatment in late and old growth stands in the Prater Planning Area to maintain and enhance bald eagle winter roost habitat. Replaced a previously withdrawn Plan amendment.
01/22/1996	Allowed salvage harvest entry into a dedicated old growth stand and a semi-primitive non-motorized area within the Powder Fire Salvage.
04/22/1996	Allowed activities to reduce cover stands in the Reek Timber Sale Area below standards.
07/25/1996	Allowed treatment of root rot pockets in the Guard Timber Sale Area that fragmented a large block of LOS.
07/31/1996	Made PACFISH standards for mining activities consistent with federal regulations.
08/12/1996	Allowed harvest in the Job Timber Sale which reduced the number of large trees in a stand below levels in the Eastside Screens. Allowed new road construction in a class IV RHCA to better meet riparian RMOs.
10/24/1996	Allowed harvest of trees greater than 21 inches diameter due to mistletoe and insect infestation, reduction of Large Tree GTR, and regeneration harvest within a Goshawk PFA; all within the Parish Timber Sale area.
12/12/1996	Designated Seed Orchards and Evaluation Plantations as Administrative Sites.
01/06/1997	Allowed harvest of trees greater than 21 inches diameter to reduce competition and promote future growth, to reduce levels of mistletoe, and to improve economic viability of proposed treatments within the Clear Creek -91B Timber Sale Area.
01/22/1997	Allowed harvest of trees greater than 21 inches diameter to reduce inter-tree competition and promote vigor of residual large trees in the Mossy Timber Sale Area.

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07/11/1997	Allowed cover to drop below established standards, harvest of trees greater than 21 inches diameter where they compete with aspen, and selection harvest to maintain or enhance old forest conditions within the Badger Timber Sale Area.
07/13/1998	Allowed short term management activities not consistent with current direction within the Summit Fire Recovery Project Area.
03/16/2000	Allowed a stand to move out of connectivity and adjusted the boundaries of Dedicated and Replacement Old Growth management areas in the Dry Fork Analysis Area.
12/05/2000	Relocated two dedicated old growth blocks outside of lands legislated to be exchanged in the Triangle Land Exchange.
01/29/2001	Allowed reduction of big game cover, loss of visual retention characteristics along Highway 26, and adjusted dedicated old growth boundaries in the Olmstead Vegetative and Road Management Project Analysis Area.
07/13/2001	Relocated Designated Old Growth and designated Replacement Old Growth within the PARASOL Vegetation and Watershed Management Project.
04/05/2004	Adjusted snag distribution strategy to leave large, unharvested, patches on greater than a 40-acre basis. Relocated Dedicated Old Growth and Replacement Old Growth areas in the Flagtail Fire Restoration Project.
04/20/2004	Adjusted snag distribution strategy to leave large, unharvested, patches on greater than a 40-acre basis. Relocated Dedicated Old Growth and Replacement Old Growth areas in the Monument Fire Restoration Project.
08/04/2004	Adjusted big game cover Habitat Effectiveness Index (HEI) and components of HEI below Forest Plan Standards or further reduction of existing conditions that currently do not meet standards. Adjusted boundaries of Dedicated Old Growth and establish Replacement Old Growth areas in the Silves Canyon Watershed Restoration Project.

Umatilla National Forest

Date	Amendment Topic
03/08/1991	Corrected wording, phrases, and miscellaneous errors.
03/08/1991	Permitted existing motorized use to continue on a trail in the A1 Management Area.
06/22/1992	Exempted the Turner Otter project from certain standards to facilitate salvage and restoration projects.
09/04/1992	Exempted the Windy Springs project from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.
05/06/1993	Exempted the Indianberry Salvage and Rehabilitation project from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.
09/07/1993	Clarified management objectives for the North Fork John Day Wild and Scenic River and defined its boundaries.
12/13/1993	Clarified management objectives for the Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River and defined its boundaries.
03/30/1994	Added Appendix D (Prescribed Natural Fire Implementation Process) to clarify the national implementation intent.
05/20/1994	Implemented the Eastside Interim Direction EA (Regional Forester's Amendment No. 1, Screens). Short-term direction to maintain options for old growth related and other species while a complete analysis is developed as part of the Eastside EIS.
02/06/1995	Implemented East End Salvage and Restoration Projects FEIS changes in Management Areas. Corridor along the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway changed from A1 to A4 to allow greater flexibility in management. Reallocated 148 acres of existing old growth habitat as C1 to replace an unsuitable stand currently allocated as C1.
02/24/1995	Added management direction contained in Interim Strategies for Managing Anadromous Fish Producing Watersheds on Federal Lands in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho, and Portions of California EA (PACFISH). Intended to arrest and reverse the decline in anadromous fish habitat until longer term options are developed.
06/12/1995	Continued Interim Management Direction Establishing Riparian, Ecosystem and Wildlife Standards for Timber Sales (Regional Forester's Amendment No. 2, Screens). Amended direction in Regional Forester's Amendment No. 1 (Umatilla Forest Plan Amendment No. 8, dated 94/05/20).
02/14/1996	Permitted harvest of selected trees over 21 inches dbh in units 29 and 30 of the Indianberry Salvage and Rehabilitation Project. Needed to meet silvicultural objectives.
05/08/1996	Exempted the Camas Restoration Project from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.
05/29/1996	Exempted the Tucannon Timber Sale from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.

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10/02/1996	Exempted the Rock Hard Salvage Sale from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.
12/10/1996	Exempted the Wheeler Point Fire Salvage Sale from certain standards to facilitate restoration work.
02/02/1997	Added Forest-wide management requirements for oil and gas leasing; including standard lease terms, lease notices, supplemental stipulation, and stipulation base map.
09/08/1997	Implemented Big Tower changes in standards and guidelines, and Management Areas. Standards and guidelines changed were HEI requirements in C3 and C7; dispersion of created opening requirements in C3, C4, C5, and C7; and successional state requirements in C4. Management Area delineations were developed for private land acquired by the Forest in 1988. This amendment will be superceded by an amendment in the Tower Fire Projects EIS Record of Decision.
06/01/1998	Implemented Cliffhanger Timber Sale EA changes in Management Areas. Because of public interest in the Whitman Interpretive Trail, both sides of Forest Road 3109 (which accesses the trail) changed from C4 to A4 (330 acres); and Whitman Interpretive Trail area changed from C4 to A6 (40 acres). Two hundred acres around the top of Spring Mountain changed from C4 to A9 to protect a prairie falcons nest site.
11/05/1998	Implemented Abla Timber Sale and Fuel Reduction Project EA changes in Management Areas. Portions of areas along Forest Road 6403 changed from A3 to A4 to give greater flexibility in constructing a fuel break.
06/12/2000	Implemented Eden Timber Sale and Fire Reintroduction Project adjustments to a Dedicated Old Growth area boundary.
06/16/2003	Identified 1,300 acres of dedicated old growth stands (Management Area C1) to replace those lost in the Tower Fire.
04/30/2004	Changed HEI standard in the Monument C3 Management Area from 70 to 67 for the duration of the Bologna Basin Project.
05/13/2004	As part of the Pedro/Colt Decision Management Area C1 boundaries were adjusted, moving them away from system roads and Management Area C3 was changed to C4.
07/09/2004	Changed HEI standard in the Monument C3 Management Area from 70 to 67 for the duration of the Rimrock project.

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Date	Amendment Topic
03/15/1991	Added a new range allotment planning schedule and made errata type corrections.
05/24/1991	Changed about 70 acres from MA 1 to MA 16 to permit development and management of Blue Mountain segment of the Oregon Trail. Changed road and trail visual sensitivity in the same area.
12/23/1991	Modified the Wildlife Standard and Guideline No. 5 to incorporate the "Bighorn/Domestic Sheep Management Strategy for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest". Decision reversed by the Deputy Regional Forester on June 23, 1992.
04/02/1992	Changed standards and guidelines to say management of competing and unwanted vegetation will tier to the FEIS for Managing Competing and Unwanted Vegetation, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, December 1988 or subsequent NEPA documents.
08/06/1992	Incorporated definitions and review process for river craft for the Snake River Recreation Management area. Allocated Cache Creek area (purchased in June 1991) to Management Area 9 (6,549 acres) and Management Area 16 (7 acres).
01/05/1993	Incorporated management direction from the Imnaha Wild and Scenic River Management Plan.
07/07/1993	Incorporated management direction for the Lostine Wild and Scenic River.
09/13/1993	Incorporated management direction for the North Fork John Day Wild and Scenic River.
12/17/1993	Incorporated management direction for the Grande Ronde Wild and Scenic River.
02/04/1994	Added implementing direction for the use of prescribed fire within wilderness.
05/20/1994	Extended interim management direction establishing riparian, ecosystem, and wildlife standards for timber sales on Eastside forests pending completion of the Eastside Ecosystem Management Strategy. (Regional Forester Amendment #1).
05/26/1994	Added direction for long and short term snag management levels. Redesigned Sufferin Smith Timber Sale to meet eastside ecosystem screens.
06/07/1994	Incorporated management direction for the Joseph Creek Wild and Scenic River.
12/21/1994	Approved the Wild and Scenic Snake River Recreation Management Plan for the administrative area of the Wild and Scenic Snake River corridor.
12/22/1994	Incorporated direction dealing with the management of the Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River.
01/13/1995	Incorporated direction dealing with the management of the Eagle Cap Wilderness and the Minam Wild and Scenic River.

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02/24/1995	Interim Strategies for Managing Anadromous Fish-producing Watersheds in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho, and Portions of California (PACFISH). (Regional Forester Amendment #3).
06/08/1995	Revised Interim Standards for Timber Sales on Eastside Forests. (Regional Forester Amendment #2).
07/28/1995	Interim Strategies for Managing Inland Fish-producing Watersheds in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho, and Portions of California (INFISH). (Regional Forester Amendment #4).
07/31/1995	Documented selection of the preferred alternative for the Eagle-Paddy Timber Sale, which affected the Eastside Screens.
09/09/1996	Added direction to the Wild and Scenic Snake River Recreation Management Plan to proceed with implementation of proposed outfitter-guide use allocations and operational limitations.
12/18/1996	Documented selection of the preferred alternative for Dark Horn Salvage Sale Project. Affected PACFISH by treating riparian habitat conservation areas.
12/18/1996	Documented selection of the preferred alternative for Eagle Holcomb Timber Sale. Affected Eastside Screens by harvesting trees greater than 21 inches DBH. As a result of administrative appeals, trees greater than 21 inches were dropped from the sale.
05/13/1997	Documented selection of preferred alternative for Spring Creek Restoration Project. Affected PACFISH by treating riparian habitat conservation areas.
07/14/1997	Allowed harvest in 34 acres of Late Old Structure stands in the Dry Melon Timber Sale. Affected Regional Forester Amendment #2 by harvesting LOS stages in a watershed that is below the Historic Range of Variation for LOS.
05/05/1999	Established direction for management of outfitters and guides in the Eagle Cap Wilderness.
03/20/2000	Allowed cutting of trees greater than 21 inches in diameter on the Starkey Research Restoration and Fuels Reduction Project to validate squirrel/dwarf mistletoe research.
05/10/2000	Changed the Government Draw Research Natural Area from a "proposed RNA" to an "established RNA". Name was later changed to Gerald S. Strickler RNA.
05/01/2001	Carrol Creek Fire Salvage and Restoration Project – Modified area of Old Growth designation.
05/25/2001	Changed Vance Knoll Research Natural Area from a "proposed RNA" to an "established RNA".
07/21/ 2003	To provide management direction for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.
03/19/2004	Documented selection of Alternative D for Spooner Vegetation Management Project. Adopted applicable standards and guidelines from the 2000 Canada Lynx Conservation Assessment and Strategy for the Spooner project area.