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To: Regional Interagency Executive Committee, Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem), Field Managers (Klamath Falls, OR; Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah, CA) and Forest Service National Forest Supervisors and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager within the Northwest Forest Plan Area

From: James M. Peña, Chair, Regional Interagency Executive Committee



Subject: High-Priority Site Management Recommendations for the Red Tree Vole, Version 1.0

This Memorandum transmits the High-Priority Site Management Recommendations for the Red Tree Vole, Version 1.0. These management recommendations are being developed pursuant to the 2001 record of decision governing survey and manage species (USDA and USDI 2001; page 20):

Management Recommendations for uncommon species should also identify high-priority sites that must be managed to provide for a reasonable assurance of persistence of the taxon (or the procedures for designating such sites locally) as well as sites that no longer need to be managed for the benefit of those species. Management Recommendations may also identify areas where it is no longer necessary to continue surveys prior to habitat-disturbing activities or strategic surveys for the taxon.

The high-priority site management recommendations outline a process to identify high-priority and non-high priority sites as well as areas no longer requiring pre-disturbance surveys at the fifth-field watershed scale. The use of the document is voluntary. Field units may continue to implement existing red tree vole management direction, which includes the management of all known sites (except for certain exemptions) and the identification of non-high priority sites on a case-by-case basis. However, should field units decide to identify high-priority sites within a fifth-field watershed, the use of these management recommendations is required.

Field unit personnel interested in utilizing these management recommendations should contact their appropriate survey and manage technical contact (listed below) for assistance and additional resources. The initial implementation of these management recommendations will occur only on Oregon National Forests and BLM Districts. After these management recommendations have been utilized at least twice, a review will be conducted and modifications to the management recommendations may occur.

Questions regarding implementation of these management recommendations should be directed to Rob Huff, BLM Oregon Survey and Manage Technical Contact (rhuff@blm.gov, 503-808-6479), or Carol Hughes, Region 6 Forest Service Survey and Manage Technical Contact (cshughes@fs.fed.us, 503-808-2661).

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