

BLM Members Present:

Keith Walton – Forester
Chris Papen – Timber Sale Administrator 503-375-5633
Rudy Hefter – Timber Sales Supervisor
Dan Nevin – Engineering Tech
Cindy Enstrom – Field Manager
Janet Myers – Realty Specialist
Belle Smith – Natural Resource Supervisor

Corbett Water District Members Present:

Robert Gaughan - Commissioner
James Jans – District Manager
Brian Lee – Engineer

Summary of meeting between Corbett Water District and the Bureau of Land Management:

The timber sales supervisor, Rudy Hefter, gave a short history of the project. The project will be to thin, not clear cut. The Bureau of Land Management is mandated by the federal government to keep the water clean and to design a project with no impact on our water source. They will rely on a buffer zone, which was discussed later in the meeting. They have 3 years to clear the site from the first sale on June 2010, sold for 1.7 million. Site #2 goes up for sale in May 2010, which no contracts have yet to be awarded. Site #3 may go up for sale in 2011. They will be leaving 150 trees per acre and are following the riparian. If there are no fish they are remove trees which are 220 feet from the water source. If there are fish, they can remove trees which are 440 feet from the water source. They will only remove trees that are at least 100 feet above the intake. The BLM representative states people are welcome to contact them for tours of the sites. The tours will have 1-3 years of history of the thinning and will show that very little impact has been caused to the soil. They will do some cable yarding, however they will use erosion control. Chris Papen will be the main contact and will be on the site a couple days a week. Brian Lee asked about the prior damage to the treatment plant which included the minor cracks on the treatment plant building. Chris Papen states that in the contract there is a dust control plan as well as a speed limit of 10 mph. There will be about 6-10 trucks per day, and it takes 2 ½ trucks per acre. The trees marked in blue are the ones to be removed out of unit 2 near the treatment plant, which has not gone up for bid yet, and could be years before the project begins. The BLM invited Corbett Water District to attend the pre-opt meeting so they could meet the people of the District and place faces with names. Before the thinning begins, BLM will repair 2 culverts in the Gordon Creek area, section 1. Section 13 has already been completed. The repair of the culverts will be to prevent any further erosion or stream contamination. The seed trees near the treatment plant are marked with yellow bands, so they will not be cut. They are loading the unit with small loading points, and there will be a drainage ditch near the new road. Any new information may be viewed on the BLM website. Corbett Water District will be locating any valves in sections 11, 13 and 15. ODFW fire protection will go to a level 2 after July when it is hot and dry. There will be a security guard at night per contract with BLM to protect the equipment and watch for forest fires. Brian Lee asked questions to BLM, at which they answered and provided him some literature. We are monitoring turbidity and locating our water transmission line. BLM distributed a contact list to Corbett Water District to allow fast communication.