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McKenzie Landscape Project Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-ORWA-NO50-2013-0001-EA Mid Indian Timber Sale Timber Sale ORN05-TS17-503

Dear Interested Public:

On May 23, 2017, the Upper Willamette Field Office issued a Decision Record to offer for sale the Mid Indian Timber Sale. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis was completed under the McKenzie Landscape Environmental Analysis, which analyzed for the Mid Indian Timber Sale as well as additional timber sales. Public involvement during NEPA analysis included a scoping notice with a public scoping comment period (September 26, 2013 – November 17, 2013), a public meeting on September 26, 2013, a 30-day public comment period on the November 2016 EA (November 23 – December 23, 2016), and a 15-day public comment period on the April 2017 EA (April 11, 2017 – April 26, 2017). The BLM provided responses to comments on the 2017 EA in the Decision Record for the Mid Indian Timber Sale. Cascadia Wildlands and Oregon Wild administratively protested the sale.

As a result of independent internal review conducted in parallel with the protest review, I have determined that additional NEPA analysis is warranted for the McKenzie Landscape Project. As such, I am withdrawing the Decision Record issued for the Mid Indian Timber Sale. A new NEPA analysis and a new decision will be forthcoming shortly. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the new NEPA analysis and to administratively protest future decisions when they are released.

Effective immediately, I am withdrawing the Decision Record dated May 23, 2017, for the Mid Indian timber sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wright, at (541) 683-6469 or me at (541) 683-6287.

Sincerely,

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