

ongoing staff review. The clarifying language concerns:

—Revisions intended to strengthen the link between the ARMP and the 1994 *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Northwest Forest Plan/ROD).

—Revisions that incorporate guidelines issued by the Regional Ecosystem Office since the issuance of the 1994 Record of Decision named above. Such guidelines may clarify or interpret the 1994 Record of Decision.

Seven alternatives that encompass a spectrum of realistic management options were considered in the planning process. The final plan is a mixture of the management objectives and actions that, in the opinion of the BLM, best resolve the issues and concerns that originally initiated the preparation of

the plan and also meet the plan elements or adopt decisions made in the Northwest Forest Plan/ROD. The Northwest Forest Plan/ROD was signed by the Secretary of the Interior who directed the BLM to adopt it in its Resource Management Plans for western Oregon. Furthermore, those decisions were upheld by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on December 21, 1994.

Ecosystem Management and Forest Product Production: The ARMP/ROD responds to the need for a healthy forest ecosystem with habitat that will support populations of native species (particularly those associated with late-successional and old growth forests). It also responds to the need for a sustainable supply of timber and other forest products that will help maintain the stability of local and regional economies, and contribute valuable resources to the national economy on a predictable and long-term basis. BLM administered lands are primarily allocated to Riparian Reserves, Late-Successional Reserves, General Forest

Management Areas, Connectivity/Diversity Blocks, and Adaptive Management Areas. An Aquatic Conservation Strategy will be applied to all lands and waters under BLM jurisdiction.

Approximately 69,000 acres will be managed for timber production. The Allowable Sale Quantity will be 6.1 million cubic feet (36 million board feet). To contribute to biological diversity, standing trees, snags, and down dead woody material will be retained. A process for monitoring, evaluating, and amending or revising the plan is described.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): The ARMP/ROD will continue the designation of seven Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), five ACEC/Research Natural Areas (RNA), two ACEC/Outstanding Natural Areas (ONA), and one Environmental Education Area (EEA). The ARMP/ROD designates or redesignates the following ACECs and RNAs with the noted restrictions.

Area name	Approx. acres	Timber/veg. harv.	OHV use	Min. loc.	Min. lease	Min. salable
Coburg Hills, Cottage Grove Lake, and Dorena Lake Relict Forest Islands ACEC	876	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Cougar Mtn. Yew ACEC	10	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Grassy Mtn. ACEC	74	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Hult Marsh ACEC	167	P	R	P	open-NSO	P
Long Tom ACEC	7	R	P	P	open-NSO	P
Camas Swale ACEC/RNA	314	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Fox Hollow ACEC/RNA	160	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Horse Rock Ridge ACEC/RNA	378	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Mohawk ACEC/RNA	292	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Upper Elk Meadows ACEC/RNA	223	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Heceta Sand Dunes ACEC/ONA	218	P	P	P	open-NSO	P
Lake Creek Falls ACEC/ONA	58	P	R	P	open-NSO	P
McGowan Creek EEA	79	P	P	P	open-NSO	P

P = Use is prohibited.

R = Use is allowed but with restrictions.

NSO = No surface occupancy.

Wild and Scenic Rivers:

Approximately 39 miles of river found eligible for designation and studied by BLM are found not suitable for designation. Three river segments (involving approximately 70 miles) have been determined to be administratively eligible for further consideration for designation as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under recreational river classifications, pending other interagency suitability studies. All administratively suitable or eligible (pending further study) river segments will be managed under BLM interim management guidelines pending further legislative or administrative

consideration, as applicable. The supporting records for the ARMP/ROD, document those river or stream segment analyses.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use: The ARMP/ROD makes the following designations for OHV management in the District: approximately 80 acres will be open; 314,800 acres will be restricted to designated existing roads and trails and/or seasonally closed; and 3,120 acres will be closed to all use, except for specified administrative or emergency uses. The closed areas include administratively withdrawn areas such as seed orchards and progeny test sites, and various ACECs. In addition, the

ARMP/ROD provides for road closures to meet ecosystem management objectives. Such closures may be permanent or seasonal, and will be affected by use of signs, gates, barriers, or total road deconstruction and site restoration.

Land Tenure Adjustment: The ARMP/ROD identifies approximately 78,175 acres of BLM administered lands that will be retained in public ownership; 238,398 acres of BLM lands that may be considered for exchange under prescribed circumstances; and 36 acres of BLM lands that may be available for sale or disposal under other authorized processes. The ARMP also provides