



**May 2008  
(First Notice)**

**SCOPING DOCUMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT**

Dear Tribal Member:

This information and the enclosed Vicinity Map describe a Proposed Action for the Middle Fork and South Fork Watersheds of the Coquille Forest.

The proposed action will generate multiple timber sales totaling approximately 21 million board feet of timber that would contribute to the Allowable Cut for the Coquille Forest. The timber sales are expected to be sold in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 through FY 2014.

The proposed action would harvest approximately 327 acres of timber through regeneration harvests and commercial thinnings. These harvests will occur in young mature timber stands (100-120 years old). Regeneration harvests of these stands would include harvesting timber except what was needed for wildlife retention trees, snags, down woody debris, and other habitat requirements. There are no streams or riparian buffers in or adjacent to the analysis area for the proposed harvest action. The harvested areas would be prepared for replanting by removing most of the residual slash through various treatments such as biomass reduction, broadcast burning or piling and burning. The stands considered for regeneration harvest have been identified as high priority for harvest in the Coquille Forest Resource Management Plan (CFRMP). The proposed action would include constructing approximately 4.3 miles of semi-permanent roads on Tribal Land.

Forest treatments would occur in the Matrix Land Use Allocation as defined in the CFRMP. This project will incorporate data and recommendations from applicable Watershed Analysis documents.

The Lost 40 - Rasler Creek Timber Sale Analysis Area is located about 6 miles southeast of Bridge, Oregon. The proposed harvest activities are located in sections 24, 25 and 29 a T30S R11W, Willamette Meridian, Coos County.

Scoping of issues and receipt of your input is an ongoing process. Your comments, questions and concerns may be presented to Tribal Forestry throughout the process of completing the EA document. It is expected that the EA document will be completed by May 31, 2008.

The EA interdisciplinary team will use your comments along with their own expertise, to develop the proposed action, alternative actions, and design features. The proposed action and alternatives will then be analyzed and the results documented in an EA as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA is expected to be available for public review in June of 2008.

Please direct your comments, responses or questions to Tim Vredenburg, Forest Manager, at the Tribal Administration Office or call (541) 756- 0904.

Enclosures: As Noted