

Summary of the Eddy LSR Project Schedule

Starting Now

- Citizen, tribal, and agency collaboration activities
- Preparation of the Fireshed Analysis for the Eddy Project Area
- Development of the Preliminary Proposed Action based comments and suggestions received during ongoing collaboration efforts
- Field analysis by the contractor ID Team

Late Winter Early Spring, 2008

- Official NEPA scoping
- Forest Service and contractor ID Team review and respond to citizen, tribal, and agency scoping comments on the Proposed Action



Spring and Summer, 2008

- Preparation of Final Proposed Action
- Additional analysis by the contractor ID Team

Late Summer Early Fall, 2008

- Preparation of the Eddy LSR Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Public comment period on the draft EIS
- Contractor ID Team and Forest Service review public comments, prepare responses to comments, incorporate comments to create the final EIS

Winter-Early Spring, 2009

- Preparation of the final EIS
- Issuance of Forest Service Record of Decision on the Eddy LSR Project

The Eddy LSR Project

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Ranger Ray's Corner

Hello to All Our Neighbors

The Scott River and Salmon River Ranger Districts of the Klamath National Forest are initiating the planning and environmental analysis process for the proposed Eddy Late-Successional Reserve Fuels / Habitat Protection Project ("Eddy LSR Project"). The Eddy LSR Project Area is located about three miles northeast of Cecilville, California, within the Salmon River drainage.

The Forest Service is working with a contractor to develop a Proposed Action and prepare the environmental impact statement and Record of

Decision for the Eddy LSR Project. The contractor is RED, Inc. Communications (RED), headquartered in Idaho Falls, Idaho. RED's Interdisciplinary Team (the "ID Team") of specialists will analyze project effects on the natural and social resources associated with the Eddy LSR, with emphasis on wildlife habitat and the fire and fuels risks in the area.

The Forest Service and RED, Inc. are very excited about this project and the citizen, tribal, and agency collaboration that is an integral part of the planning and analysis process. The contractor has prepared a presentation to give at meetings or to present to groups of friends and neighbors. The presentations will be updated every two months. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to learn about, and provide input to, the Eddy LSR Project has that opportunity. If you want to schedule a presentation, please send a request to this email address: eddylsr@redinc.com.

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The Healthy Forests Restoration Act and Healthy Forest Initiatives: Some Background

On December 3, 2003, President Bush signed into law the Healthy Forests Restoration Act to reduce the threat of destructive wildfires while upholding environmental standards and encouraging early public input during review and planning processes. The legislation is based on sound science and helps further the President's Healthy Forests Initiative pledge to

- care for America's forests and rangelands,
- reduce the risk of catastrophic fire to communities,
- help save the lives of firefighters and citizens, and
- protect threatened and endangered species.

The Healthy Forests Restoration Act contains a variety of provisions to speed up hazardous fuels reduction and forest restoration projects on specific types of federal lands that are at risk of wildland fire and/or insect and disease epidemics. In addition, the Act helps states, tribes, rural communities, and landowners restore healthy forest and rangeland conditions on state, federal, tribal, and private lands.

The Healthy Forests Restoration Act established important objectives to fulfill that pledge; a few of those objectives are to

- 1 Strengthen public participation in developing high-priority forest health projects by providing opportunities for earlier participation, thus accomplishing projects in a more timely fashion.
- 2 Reduce dense undergrowth that fuels catastrophic [stand-replacing] fires through thinning and prescribed burns.
- 3 Select projects on a collaborative basis, involving local, tribal, state, and federal agencies and non-governmental entities.
- 4 Focus projects on federal lands that meet strict criteria for risk of wildfire.



The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

The National Environmental Policy Act (commonly referred to as "NEPA"), and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations that implement the Act, also require public participation during the environmental analysis process. The Healthy Forests Restoration Act goes a step further, however, by encouraging citizen collaboration at the earliest stage of project planning, not just during NEPA's required "scoping" period.

Other Guiding Documents

Other documents that will guide preparation of the Eddy LSR Project Environmental Impact Statement include the Klamath National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, the Klamath Forestwide Late-Successional Reserve Assessment, and the Salmon River Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Citizen Collaboration: How Can You Be Involved?

The contractor (RED) will be producing a series of newsletters throughout the project planning stages and preparation of the environmental impact statement. A newsletter will be mailed approximately every two to three months to everyone on the project mailing list. You can help right now by making sure your neighbors, friends, and family members know about the project and encourage those who are interested to get on the mailing list. Requests to be added to the mailing list can be sent to: eddylsr@redinc.com or to Eddy LSR Project, c/o RED, Inc. Communications, P.O. Box 3067, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.

As District Ranger Ray Haupt mentioned earlier in this newsletter, you can request that a presentation on the Eddy LSR Project be given at a group or organization meeting. The newsletters, along with postcards, flyers, and media notifications, will be used to advertise public workshops and open houses for the Eddy LSR Project.

We also want to know your preferences for receiving information about the Eddy LSR Project. We always want to hear your requests and suggestions—just send them to the above email or mailing address.

Left. The desired condition of a fuel break. Right. Fuel break that is too dense. Center. View overlooking the proposed Eddy LSR Project area.

