

The following matters are agreed upon by Bark and the Mt. Hood National Forest (MHNF). Implementation of this agreement effectuates Bark's decision to withdraw its appeal of the Zigzag Road Decommissioning Decision Notice and Environmental Assessment.

MHNF shall implement the following changes and additions to the Zigzag Road Decommissioning Decision:

- MHNF shall address the issue of the potential for ongoing harm to aquatic resources and habitat caused by the 3626-105 road by decommissioning without delay the 3626-105 segment after its junction with the 3626-150.
- A new trailhead will be sited at the junction of the 105 and 150 roads to provide for safe access to the Douglas and McIntyre trails.
- MHNF will research whether a Gravel Pit Reclamation Plan ("Plan") exists for the quarry at the terminus of the 3626-150 road. If no Plan exists, or if the existing Plan requires revision, a Plan will be finalized no later than the end of 2011. MHNF will seek funding to implement the Plan and will implement the Plan as soon as funding is available.
- The designation for the 2609-140 and 150 roads shall be changed to decommission without delay and shall be decommissioned immediately, subject to availability of funding, upon completion of the Wildcat Thinning Timber Sale in order to address ongoing concerns to aquatic resources and habitat in the Alder Creek Watershed. The decommissioning of these roads shall be completed no later than the end of 2012, except in the unlikely circumstance that the Wildcat Thinning contract is extended or funding is no longer obtainable, in which case the decommissioning shall occur as soon as the contract is completed and/or funding is available.

MHNF agrees to recognize Bark as a vital stakeholder with a strong interest in all future road decommissioning and to afford Bark meaningful opportunities for being involved in and providing comments to contemplated road decommissioning decisions.

MHNF staff will meet with Bark on July 2, 2010 from 8:00-10:00 AM and the parties shall negotiate in good faith the incorporation, as appropriate, of Bark's requests with regard to future road decommissioning projects and/or associated NEPA documents. Bark's requests will include, but are not limited to, the following. Bark asks MHNF to:

- Clearly disclose foreseeable contemplated vegetation management plans for project areas. Where appropriate and within the scope of contemplated restoration projects, analyze these impacts as reasonably foreseeable cumulative impacts.
- Ensure that any cost benefit analysis includes cost saving benefits such as reduced need for law enforcement patrols as appropriate.
- Provide more information on planned treatments for roads. Where treatment is prescribed pre-decommissioning on decommission with delay roads, disclose the planned treatments. Provide examples of the expected treatments that will be implemented on various types of roads.
- Give an estimated timeline for decommissioning on roads slated for immediate decommissioning and decommissioning with delay.
- Explain how road decommissioning will be funded on all roads included in the project.
- Provide for a 30 day public comment period for all road-related restoration projects.

- Schedule a visit to selected sites under consideration for decommissioning projects with Bark and other interested parties at some point between pre-scoping and the close of the comment period. Follow up on requests for additional meetings and site visits.

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