

NOTICE of PROPOSED ACTION

Public comment is invited on the Cloak Thinning proposed action and Preliminary Assessment. The Cloak project is located in the Mt. Hood National Forest in T.6S., R.7E.; T.6S., R.8E.; T.7S., R.7E.; T.7S., R.8E.; W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon. The purpose of this initiative is to thin and fertilize young forest stands to achieve multiple objectives. The proposed action (Alternative B) is to thin and harvest wood fiber from approximately 1332 acres of matrix land and approximately 217 acres of riparian reserves. Approximately 1.8 miles of new temporary road would need to be constructed to access landings. On areas proposed for thinning in the matrix, the prescription would be adjusted on approximately 545 acres to increase forage for deer and elk and approximately 1081 acres would be fertilized. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared after comments are received and considered.

A copy of the Preliminary Assessment can be downloaded from the Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/> in the Projects and Plans section. The Responsible Official is Gary L. Larsen, Forest Supervisor.

Comments and/or requests for additional information on the proposed action should be addressed to Jim Roden at -

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The legal notice for the 30-day comment period on the Cloak project was published in the Oregonian on July 5, 2004. Comments are due on August 4, 2004. Comments must be signed or in the case of electronic or telephone submissions, commenters must verify their identity upon request to be eligible to appeal. Only those who submit timely and substantive comments will be accepted as appellants. The comment and appeal rule 36 CFR 215, 2003 is available on the following web site - <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/36cfr215.htm>.