

DECISION MEMOS
for
Wildcat Thinning and Summit Thinning

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

Two projects are included in this notice:

1) The Wildcat Project is located on the Zigzag District in sections 9 and 16 of T. 3 S., R. 6 E., WM, Clackamas County, Oregon. The proposal includes approximately 70 acres of thinning timber harvest and the construction of 500 feet of temporary road. The Responsible Official is Colleen Pelles Madrid, District Ranger.

2) The Summit Project is located on the Clackamas River District in sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 of T. 6 S., R. 8 E., WM, Clackamas County, Oregon. The proposal includes approximately 70 acres of thinning timber harvest and huckleberry enhancement. The Responsible Official is Andrei Rykoff, District Ranger.

Preliminary analysis indicates that these proposals fall within a category of actions that are excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement and there are no extraordinary circumstances that would preclude use of the category. Comments received during the 30-day comment period have been considered. The Decision Memos can be downloaded from the Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/> in the Projects and Plans section.

These decisions are subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. This appeal period is being provided pursuant to the September 16, 2005, order issued by the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in Case No. CIV F-03-6386JKS. Any individual or organization that submitted substantive comments during the comment period may appeal. Any appeal of these decisions must be in writing and fully consistent with the content requirements described in 36 CFR 215.14. The Appeal Deciding Officer is Linda Goodman, Regional Forester. An appeal should be addressed to the Regional Forester at any of the following addresses.

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The Appeal, including attachments, must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date legal notice of these decisions was published in the Oregonian. The appeal is due by **January 19, 2006**.

For further information regarding these appeal procedures, contact the Forest Environmental Coordinator Mike Redmond at 503-668-1776.