



Western Juniper Supply Availability Analysis, Market Assessment and Business Development Strategy

Project Overview

The Ritter Land Management Team (RLMT) and the Oregon Business Development Department have retained TSS Consultants (TSS) to conduct a western juniper (WJ) supply availability analysis, WJ market assessment and provide a business development strategy to support forest and rangeland restoration on private lands within the Ritter area. The primary objective is to leverage landowner stewardship goals and generate economic opportunity and market-based drivers to support restoration efforts, thus minimizing restoration costs for Ritter area landowners.

Strategic Action Plan

In October 2015, the RLMT created a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and has submitted Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board proposals to help fund a range of restoration activities, including WJ removal treatments. Consistent with the SAP, the RLMT would now like to ramp up the pace and scale of landscape level treatments with a coordinated, collaborative approach that pursues market-based solutions.

Understanding the costs to remove WJ are quite high and local markets non-existent, the RLMT is considering establishment of a locally based WJ sawmill, sized appropriately to utilize WJ round wood generated as a byproduct of restoration activities. Integration of restoration and sawmilling activities could enable year-round operations; creating employment opportunities for a local workforce, while also helping offset some of the costs associated with private forest and rangeland improvement projects.

Timing

Posted below are project tasks with targeted completion dates:

<i>TASK</i>	<i>COMPLETION DATE</i>
<i>Pre-Work Conference</i>	<i>September 15, 2016</i>
<i>WJ Timber and Fiber Supply Assessment</i>	<i>November 30, 2016</i>
<i>WJ Product Market Assessment</i>	<i>December 31, 2016</i>
<i>Feasibility Study</i>	<i>January 31, 2017</i>
<i>Next Steps/Implementation Timeline</i>	<i>February 28, 2017</i>
<i>Executive Summary Report</i>	<i>February 28, 2017</i>

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Additional Information

Project related documents will be posted on the RLMT website as they are finalized.

<http://www.ritterlmt.com/plans--reports.html>