

RESOLUTION No. 35024

As Amended

Request Revision of Land Management Plans for the Bull Run Management Unit.
(Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Bull Run Management Unit is administered by the Mt. Hood National Forest under the 1991 Mt. Hood National Forest Plan, based on a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) completed in 1979 using information available at that time; and

WHEREAS, a 1983 blowdown storm; City Council Resolutions 34331 (1987) and 34597 (1989); implementation by the Bureau of Water Works and Forest Service of the 1989 and 1990 recommendations of the Water Quality Task Force (Wyden Task Force) on water quality monitoring; the 1990 listing of the northern spotted owl as a threatened species; the 1991 designation of the Bull Run as a "New Perspectives" watershed by the Forest Service; the 1992 Forest Service northern spotted owl EIS and its designation of most of the Bull Run Management Unit as part of a northern spotted owl Habitat Conservation Area; and the draft 1992 Department of the Interior Recovery Plan for the northern spotted owl; all provide new scientific or policy information that was not available when the FEIS was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Health Division has declared that the high quality Bull Run supply meets all the criteria under federal and state regulations to remain an unfiltered water supply and it is important to maintain that designation; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Water Bureau has completed phase one of a planning process to meet water supply needs in the Portland metropolitan region to the year 2050, and further development of the Bull Run system has been identified as one of the main sources for future development; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Hood National Forest will soon be revising its land management to ensure recovery of the northern spotted owl; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated most of the land within the Bull Run Management Unit as critical habitat for the northern spotted owl; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Council to have the Bull Run Management Unit protected for the long term as Portland's primary source of drinking water and managed on the basis of sound scientific information, through a process that includes full public involvement, and in accordance with the values of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. This resolution shall replace and supersede all previous Council policy direction on the Bull Run Management Unit.
2. The Council requests that the Mt. Hood National Forest revise all appropriate land management plans relating to the Bull Run Management Unit by October 1, 1995 using a process with full public input. Pending revision of these plans, the Council requests that the Forest Service manage consistent with this resolution, the Unit, the Little Sandy drainage and other lands encompassed by this resolution using its administrative discretion to the maximum extent possible under existing statutory authorities. The Council further requests that the Forest Service conservatively manage those lands so

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as not to preclude or harm options or directions that will be considered in the revised land management plans.

3. The Council requests that the revised land management plans shall reflect the best available scientific information and resource inventories and the most recent City of Portland policy direction contained in this resolution.
4. The Council requests that the future management plans for the Bull Run Management Unit shall:

- A. cease and prohibit commercial logging and related forest management activities within the Bull Run Management Unit,

cease and prohibit any other practice or activity within the Bull Run Management Unit whose purpose is primarily economic gain or that does not serve to maintain or enhance water quality or quantity within the Bull Run drainage,

except that the removal of the minimum forest necessary for construction of new municipal water supply reservoirs and related facilities shall be allowed after compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other law. Such removal shall be accompanied by a water use conservation program and comprehensive mitigation for the loss of the forest and northern spotted owl habitat consistent with the Endangered Species Act and other law.

- B. cease and prohibit salvage logging except when demonstrated to be necessary, to be the most effective method available to protect water quality and water quantity, and to have long term benefits greater than any short term risks. Any such salvage logging shall be conducted under standards and guidelines that are based on the best available scientific information and that are protective of the ecological integrity and water quality and quantity of the Unit. Such salvage logging shall only be conducted after compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other law and shall be subject to full public review including that of the Council.
- C. allow forest management activities in existing forest plantations to restore suitable owl habitat, biological diversity and ecological integrity.
- D. identify the Little Sandy River as a long term water supply source for the City of Portland and contain a long range management plan which protects that drainage consistent with this potential use. Boundary adjustments to the Management Unit to include the full drainage of the Little Sandy into the Unit shall be considered.
- E. identify that the purpose of the buffer of the Management Unit is to prevent damage to the drainage of the Bull Run from the deleterious effects of fire, wind, insects, disease, and human entry and contain a long range management plan for the buffer that will enhance and protect the drainage and the long term ecological stability of the Unit. The size of the buffer needed to accomplish its purpose should be studied and boundary adjustments made to the Unit to incorporate any additional needed land.

- F. establish and maintain ongoing research and water monitoring in the Bull Run Management Unit in accordance with the recommendations of the "Wyden Task Force" and subsequent studies and ancient forest research.
5. The Council requests that Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture provide permanent and adequate funding to carry out all research and monitoring required for long term stewardship of the Bull Run Management Unit.
6. The Water Bureau and the Forest Service should consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assess the potential impacts on spotted owl habitat from continued operation and development of the Bull Run Management Unit for water supply purposes under PL95-200, and to identify options for any necessary mitigation of such continued operation and development, including water conservation and expansion of northern spotted owl protection areas. The public shall be fully involved in this process.

Passed by the Council, **AUG 5 1992**

Commissioner Lindberg
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