

Wildlife Field Trip Agenda

September 14, 2019 9:00am-1:00pm

Background Information and Meeting Location: The field trip will begin at 9:00 am and run until 1:00 pm. We will be meeting at the Boy Scout Trailhead gate, south of Unit 4 (two miles east of Peak-to-Peak Highway on Magnolia Road). There will be a brown gate at the trailhead. Parking is limited so carpool as much as possible. The second stop will be at the north end of Unit 45.

Stop 1: Unit 4

- **Brief Overview of What We'll See at this Stop**
 - Lodgepole pine thinning prior to 2000 and Winiger Ridge Project
 - Forb density/species in different stand conditions
- **Old-Growth Discussion Topics**
 - Evaluation process of specific forest stands for their value to wildlife
 - Specific characteristics of this old-growth stand
 - Role of this old-growth stand for wildlife
 - Design criteria for additional acres of old-growth forests
 - Treatment adjustments after identifying new old-growth acres
- **Connectivity Discussion Topics**
 - Role of areas like Unit 4 in creating connectivity across the landscape
 - Connectivity across land ownerships
 - Necessary components of habitat to maintain viable populations
 - Role of treated/untreated units for wildlife in the current and foreseeable future

Stop 2: Unit 45

- **Brief Overview of Unit History:**
 - Original treatment plan
 - Review of Forest Plan/Forsythe II goshawk design criteria
 - Review of survey efforts and treatment adjustments
 - Plans for surveys and monitoring of treatments
- **Forest/Wildlife Health Balance Discussion Topics**
 - Balance between habitat management and wildlife population data