

Project Proposal Form (PPF)

Project Name:	Swimptkin 2024 Timber Sale Project		
Proponent Program:	OND Forestry	Date:	03/15/2023
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Location (i.e., address, local landmarks etc.):

Swimptkin Creek RMU

** See attached table and maps. Shapefiles will be provided by IRMP Coordinator

Legal Description:

** See Attached Tables

Desired Project Start Date and Estimated Duration: Start Date: March 2024 - Duration – 4 years. Timber Sale is slated for 3 years under Forestry 15 Year Harvest Plan. Another year or two past the three-year harvest timeline is expected to complete Forest Development Activities such as excavator piling and PCT.

What is the proposed project? (Please be as detailed as possible, including a description of all roads, utilities, or other infrastructure to be built as a part of the project)

The Swimptkin Project is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Nespelem, WA. The entire project area is covered by one watershed, WMU 13-07 Swimptkin Creek.

Swimptkin Project encompasses approximately **5,870** acres. Most of these acres are in Tribal Trust land status. There is **0** acres under Fee Status and ~ **230** acres of Tribal Allotments.

At the pre-synthesis phase of the IRMP process, Omak/Nespelem District Forestry proposes to treat **30 Commercial blocks, totaling 1,698 acres** and **6 Pre-Commercial Thinning (PCT) totaling 209 acres**. These treatments will occur on commercial forest land; to improve the overall Forest Health of forest stands within the project area. OND Forestry proposes to commercially harvest timber on **1,500 to 2,000 acres**; to reach the OND Forestry goal of achieving 9-12 MMBF of timber harvest. Further field evaluation is needed to narrow the range of proposed treatment block acres. The acreage amount will include both Tribal Trust lands, Tribal Trust Allotment lands, and Tribal Purchased Land.

Why is the project necessary?

The proposed project is a necessary part of the Colville Tribe's long-term forest management planning process and the Integrated Resource Management Plan. A timber sale is necessary, to help the Tribes, accomplish the following objectives:

- Meet the goals set forth in the "Colville Indian Reservation Plan for Integrated Resource Management (PIRM) and the Record of Decision (ROD)
- Implement silvicultural prescriptions to promote healthy, productive timber stands
- Move toward the desired future conditions of forest areas
- Regenerate unhealthy stands to seral conifer component
- Alter tree species composition, when necessary, regarding forest health issues
- Thin to desired stocking levels
- Salvage recent and imminent tree mortality
- Reduce impact of insects and disease problems
- Create wood products
- Generate stumpage revenue
- Create and support jobs and employment
- Improve the transportation system
- Reduce wildfire risks by treating hazardous fuels and ladder fuels

Provide opportunities to enhance other natural resource values

Please attach a USGS 7.5-minute series topographic map, aerial photo, or similarly detailed map showing the location of the proposed project. Please include the location of roads, utilities, and other infrastructure to be built as a part of the proposed project. Proposals without maps may be returned for the proponent with a request for additional information.

Table I Swimptkin 2024 Timber Sale - Legal Description

Township	Range	Section - All or Portions of these Sections
34N	28E	36
34N	29E	16,17,18,19,20 ,21,28,28,30 31,32,33,
33N	28E	1
33N	29E	5,6,7,8

Table 2 Swimptkin 2024 Timber Sale Central Lat/Long

Location	Latitude	Longitude	Format	Coordinate System
Swimptkin Center	119° 12' 38"W	48° 24' 55" N	D/M/S	NAD 83

Table 3. Swimptkin 2024 - Road Construction

Project	Road Construct	Estimated Distance (Miles)
Swimptkin	Proposed-New Construct	2.9
Swimptkin	Proposed-Reconstruct	31.5

Table 4. Swimptkin 2024 Road Type

Project	Road Type	Estimated Distance (Miles)
Swimptkin	BIA	12.3
Swimptkin	County	7.4

☐ Attachments(s), if any (maps, data, additional project description, etc.)

