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Fall Prescribed Burning to Begin Next Week

Klamath Falls – The Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to begin prescribed burning near Gerber Reservoir on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Approximately 3000 acres of forested public lands are being prepared for underburning in the Gerber area. The objective of this burn includes decreasing the risk of destructive wildfire and improving wildlife habitat. While smoke is expected to disperse from the fire fairly quickly, it may be visible from as far away as Bly and Dairy. Depending upon weather conditions, ignitions will continue for approximately two weeks.

An additional 5,000 acres of pile burns are planned on BLM-managed lands throughout the fall & winter, as the weather allows. Fire crews from the U.S. Forest Service will be assisting the BLM with all scheduled burn activities.

“Temperature, humidity, wind, and moisture levels are all measured when planning prescribed burns to ensure they are within prescribed levels” said Steve Underwood, BLM Prescribed Fire Operations Specialist. “This helps firefighters keep burning activities inside designated boundaries and facilitates the BLM’s ability to meet resource management objectives.”

For more information about these prescribed fires, please call the BLM at (541) 883-6916.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

