

Klamath Falls Resource Area Planning Update Winter 2006



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The primary purpose of this Planning Update is to inform you about activities on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area that are proposed in order to implement our land use plan – the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (KFRA/RMP). This planning update includes a table that provides the location and brief description of most activities proposed within the Resource Area. (Refer to the map following the table.) Additional information can be obtained from the contact person listed in the project descriptions or the Resource Area Planner. Also be alert for news releases and public notices published in the Herald and News as certain projects reach stages for public involvement. The earlier you get involved, the better your concerns can be addressed. If you want to provide comments to a specific environmental assessment, please send or deliver your written comments addressed to the Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area, by the close of (or postmarked by) the last day of the comment period.

Thank you for your continued interest in the BLM's management of public lands. If you have any questions on this update or recommendations for improvement, please notify us in person or call (541) 883-6916. In addition, please contact us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Barbara Machado*

Barbara Machado, Acting Field Manager
Klamath Falls Resource Area

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PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MAP REF. #	STATUS OF ANALYSIS	DECISION DATE	PROJECT COMPLETION DATE	CONTACT
CX = Categorical Exclusion, DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy, EA = Environmental Assessment, EIS = Environmental Impact Statement, DR = Decision Record						
Vegetation Treatments – New Projects						
Klamath Falls Resource Area Aspen Restoration Treatments	Entire Resource Area	None	On hold	Unknown	Annual Treatments	Shane Durant
Vegetation Treatments – Ongoing Implementation						
Noxious Weed Treatments – contain/ reduce noxious weed populations using integrated pest management (manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods). Tiered to KFRA Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) and EA-OR-014-93-09.	Weed-infested sites throughout the Klamath Falls Resource Area	None	EA/DR completed	7/21/93	Noxious Weed Treatments occur annually May - October.	Lou Whiteaker
Klamath River Oak Thinning and Big Bend Rx burn EA - Thin 200 acres of oak woodland and underburn approx. 900 acres in the Klamath River Canyon to restore plant communities and reduce fire management costs and potential for stand replacing wildfire.	T 40S 6E Sec 11-14, 23, 26, 27, 34 T 41S 6E Sec 03, 04, 09	#46	Public Review complete	September 2006	FY 2009	Steve Hayner
Timber Management – New Projects						
Jenny Creek EA – Forest health and restoration treatments in the Jenny Creek Watershed (commercial timber sales, non-commercial silvicultural treatments and riparian/aspen/road restoration).	Jenny Creek Watershed	None	EA on hold	Unknown	Unknown	Mike Bechdolt
Buck Again Timber Sale –An estimated 700 acres is designed for treatment in the Spencer Creek watershed near Buck Lake.	T38S., R5E., Sec.13, 15, 23, 25 and 26	#14	Sale preparation in progress.	Fall 2007	Proposed sale date - Fall 2007	Mike Bechdolt
PVJ Forest Health and Fuels Treatments EA	T41S, R7E, Sec. 7, 9, 15	#17	Scoping planned for January 2007	Spring 2007	Proposed sale date - October 2007	Mike Bechdolt
Timber Management – Ongoing Implementation						
Walter’s Cabin Timber Sale EA – This EA and subsequent Decision Record address a commercial timber sale, non-commercial silvicultural and riparian reserve treatments, and restoration work.	T.39S., R. 6E., Section 15 & 21.	#26	EA and DR completed	7/25/06	Sale Sold - August 2006	Mike Bechdolt
Adobe East Timber Sale – Approximately 1400 acre density management thinning sale. Located in the southern portion of Gerber Block. Analyzed in the South Gerber EA #OR-014-04-06.	T40S, R15E, Secs. 31, 32 T41S, R15E, Secs. 5-7, and 17-21	#12	DR completed	7/22/05	Sale reoffered and sold: December 2005	Mike Bechdolt
CHEW Timber Sale – Approximately 1,000 acres density management understory reduction.	T40S, R6E, Secs. 1, 11, 14 T40S, R7E, Secs. 3 and 5	#16	DR completed	7/28/05	Approved May 2006	Mike Bechdolt
FY 04 - Matchbox Title II Service Contract/Timber Sale – Service contract under Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act to thin, yard, and deck trees on approximately 300 acres of overstocked mixed conifer stands. Timber sale contract to sell decked material.	Chase Mountain Area T.40S.,R.7E., Sec. 9	#13	EA and DR completed.	2/17/2004	Currently active.	Mike Bechdolt
Thin Sheep Timber Sale EA –Forest health and restoration treatments in the Johnson Creek area: commercial timber sale, non-commercial silvicultural and riparian, road, and aspen restoration.	T.39S., R.5E., Sections 17, 21, 29, 31, 33	#8	EA completed	October 2006	Sold – November 2006	Mike Bechdolt
Stewardship Contracts – New Projects						
Splinter Hauler Juniper Yarding	Dog Hollow	#24	DNA in progress	FY 2006	FY 2006	Mike Bechdolt

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Stewardship Contracts – Ongoing Implementation						
Bryant Mtn. Forest and Juniper Woodland Thinning	T.40S, R.12E.	#53	Analysis completed	4/27/06	Summer 2007	Mike Bechdolt
Gerber Stew – Upper Bear Valley Small Diameter Thinning	T.40S., R7E., Section 11	#31	CX completed	6/7/05	Summer 2007	Mike Bechdolt
Gerber Stew Stewardship – Landing biomass removal	T40 & 41S, R6 & 7E	#13	CX completed	6/7/05	FY 2006– Done?	Mike Bechdolt
Lower Midway Juniper Stewardship Proposal	Lower Midway	#54	DNA completed.	9/30/2004	FY 2006– Done?	Matt Broyles
Hamaker Title II – Plantation Thinning	T.40S., R.7E., Sec. 15, 23	#51	CX completed	7/13/06	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt
Lands/Minerals Management – New Projects						
Happy Hollow Land Sale	T38S, R11E, Sec.17	#1	EA in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Linda Younger
East Stukel Land Sale	T40S, R11E, Sec. 9	#63	EA in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Linda Younger
Nancy Charley Trust Land Sale	T38S, R5E, Sec.13	#14	EA in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Linda Younger
Lands/Minerals Management – Recent Decisions						
William Meade Road ROW	T41S, R6E, Section 6	none	CX completed	10/2/06	FY 2007	Linda Younger
PacifiCorp Powerline ROW Renewal	Klamath River Canyon	none	CX completed		FY 2007	Linda Younger
Lands/Minerals Management – Ongoing Implementation						
Wood River Wetland Acquisition/Klamath County Foreclosure - Acquire 30 acres from Klamath County.	T34S, R7 1/2E, Sec 36	#25	DNA completed	7/1/04	Pending county negotiations.	Linda Younger
Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – New Projects						
Chicken Hills DDR Fuel Treatment and Rx Fire	T40S, R7E, Sec. 29	#3	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Underwood
Surveyor OGA Fuels Treatment	Surveyor Campground	#21	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Underwood
Lower Spencer DDR Fuels Treatment	T.38S, R6E, Sec. 27,34	#30	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2009	Steve Underwood
Pankey – Grizzly Fuels Treatments	Pankey Lake/Grizzly Butte	#28	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2009	Karl Krauter
Horse Camp Rim #3 and #4 Fuel Treatments	Horse Camp Rim	#34	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Marv Strom
Petric Marsh Fuel Treatments	Wood River Wetland	#25	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Underwood
Pleasant Valley Prescribed Burn	Grenada Butte Area	#17	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Eric Johnson
West Antelope Creek Sage Grouse Habitat/ Fuels Treatment	T41S R14.5E Sec 4, 5, 8	#2	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Hayner
Po Kegama Winter Range Improvement and Fuels Reduction	T41S, R6E, Sec. 5, 6, 7 T41S, R5E, Sec 1,5,7, 8,17	#20	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Matt Broyles
Hopeless Fuel Treatments	T41S, R14E, Secs 23 & 24 T41S, R14½E, Sec 19	#38	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
Bonanza View Fuel Treatments	T39S, R11E, Secs. 21, 22, 27-29	#22	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Eric Johnson

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Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – Ongoing Implementation						
Tunnel Creek DDR Fuel Treatment	T.38S., R.5E., Section 23	#19	CX completed	2/28/2006	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
Seven Stukels Mechanical Fuels Treatments	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	3/1/2006	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
Horsefly Prescribed Underburn – underburning ponderosa pine north of Gerber Reservoir	Gerber Block	#33	CX completed.	9/30/04	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
Keno Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction - Fuels treatment project to reduce hazardous fuels in the Keno WUI.	Keno, Oregon	#31	CX completed	5/17/04	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
Ben Hall Prescribed Underburn – underburning ponderosa pine north of Gerber Reservoir	Gerber Block	#32	CX completed.	9/30/04	FY 2007	Eric Johnson
Big Adobe East – underburning ponderosa pine	Gerber Block	#12	EA/DR completed	9/8/04	FY 2009	Steve Underwood
FTZ 175 Fuels Treatment	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	7/12/05	FY 2007	Eric Johnson
South Bly WUI Fuels Treatment	Bly, OR	#18	DNA completed	10/14/05	FY 2007	Eric Johnson
Dorris WUI Fuels Treatment	T41S R7E Sec 3, 9, 10, 15, 17	#40	CX completed	4/19/04	FY 2010	Eric Johnson
Naylox Fuel Reduction Units - Fuels treatment project to reduce hazardous fuels in the Klamath Falls wildland urban interface.	Various Units N. & East of Klamath Falls	None	CX completed	5/3/04	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
Stukel Mountain Bobcat Slash Piling	Stukel Mountain	#36	CX completed.	9/1/04	FY 2009	Eric Johnson
Stateline/ Holbrook Prescribed Burns – Prescribe burn ~4,000 acres to reduce fuel loading and risk of catastrophic wildfire.	T.40S, R15 E., T.41S, R15E.	#64	EA/DR completed	6/10/94	FY 2010	Eric Johnson
Willow Sage Grouse Habitat and Fuels Treatment	Willow Reservoir	#39	CX completed	4/17//06	FY 2007	Steve Hayner
Pine Creek Restoration Fuels Treatment	Gerber Block	#42	CX completed	6/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
West Boundary BEHMA Habitat and Fuels Treatment	Gerber Reservoir	#37	CX completed	7/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
Wildlife Management – New Projects						
Bitterbrush Seedling Planting and Seeding -Deer Winter Range	South Gerber	Various	CX in progress	Spring 2007	Spring 2007	Steve Hayner
Recreation – New Projects						
Gerber South Campground Boat Ramp Reconstruction	Gerber South Campground	#6	Analysis in progress	Fall 2007	Fall 2007	Scott Senter

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Recreation – Ongoing Implementation						
Wood River Wetland – Remaining projects: interpretive signs and trail system, surface rock dike roads from bridge to 7-mile Canal, and group interpretive site.	Wood River Wetland 25 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon	#25	Wood River Wetland RMP/EIS	7/28/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter
Gerber Area Recreation Improvements - (RMP ROD EIS 6-2-95, pp. 49-50) - Corrective maintenance, improvement or replacement as per the Klamath Falls RMP including: rocking and chip-sealing/paving road system and campsites, Barnes Valley Boat Ramp access road.	Gerber Reservoir Recreation Site	#6	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter
Gerber Area Primitive Camp and Day Use Sites Recreation Improvements. Continue to update or improve existing facilities. Continue construction of Gerber Potholes Trail.	Nine recreation sites and campgrounds in the Gerber area.	#6	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter
Topsy Recreation Site Improvements – Ongoing maintenance, chip seal Topsy Road in front of recreation site.	T40S, R7E, Sec. 6	#10	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	As needed	Scott Senter
Ongoing Planning /Implementation - General						
RMP Revision – As per the final settlement agreement to the American Forest Resource Council vs. BLM litigation, the BLM is directed to revise RMPs in western Oregon by December, 2008.	Resource Area Wide	None	EIS in progress	FY 2008	RMP Revision – FY 2008	Don Hoffheins

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Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – in progress						
These assessments compare the monitoring information collected against the five Standards for Rangeland Health and propose management changes if current grazing use is not meeting the Standards, or not making significant improvement towards meeting them. Changes are implemented through the grazing decision or agreement process.						
Harpold Chaining Allotment (#0836)	East of Klamath Falls	#9	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Dana Eckard
Rajnus & Son Allotment (#0864)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#5	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Dana Eckard
Pope Allotment (#0848)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#15	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Molly Juillerat
Rajnus Bros. Allotment (#0849)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#29	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Molly Juillerat
Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – completed in FY 2007*						
Bryant-Smith Allotment (#0855)	East of Klamath Falls	#23	None Known	Assessment completed	October 2006	Bill Lindsey
Bryant-Horton Allotment (#0837)	East of Klamath Falls	#23	None Known	Assessment completed	October 2006	Bill Lindsey
Jump Allotment (#0854)	East of Klamath Falls	#4	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2006	Dana Eckard
Stock Drive Allotment (#0802)	East of Klamath Falls	#11	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2006	Amber Knoll
*A total of 61 Rangeland Health Standards Assessments have been completed to date, which encompasses 86% of the KFRA.						

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Presentations/Environmental Education Programs/Tours (Fiscal Year to Date)

What Was Presented	Date	Where	Group/Age	# of People
Wetland Ecology and Wood River Wetland Project	10/19/06	OIT and Wood River Wetland	College Students	13
Interagency Travel Management Planning Meeting	11/2/06	Klamath Falls, OR	Adults	12
Holistic and Integrated Resource Management: Problems/Opportunities in Cultural Resource Management	11/3/06	Central Washington University - Ellensburg	University Students and Faculty	35
Wetland Ecology, Wood River Wetland Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/7/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (BLM and ONRC)	6
Wetland Ecology, Wood River Wetland Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/20/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (Ducks Unlimited, USFWS, private land owners)	5
Interagency Travel Management Planning Meeting	11/20/06	Lakeview, OR	Adults	15

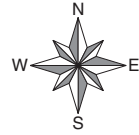
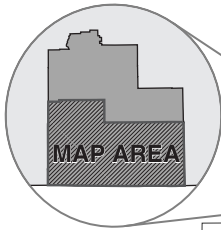
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Yearly Scheduled Events - 2007

Event/Activity	Date	Location	Contact(s)	# of Participants (Employees/Public*)
Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic	May	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Tonya Pinckney/Scott Senter	
International Migratory Bird Day	May	Veteran's Memorial Park	Steve Hayner	
Resources and People (RAP) Camp	June	Camp Esther Applegate	Scott Senter	
Klamath County Fair	August	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Pinckney/Senter	
Pedaling through the Past (event held every two years)	September	Topsy Wagon Road	Michelle Durant	
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September	Clover Creek Educational Area	Greg Reddell	
National Public Lands Day	September	Veteran's Park	Scott Senter	





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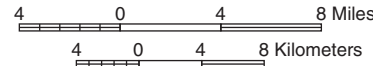


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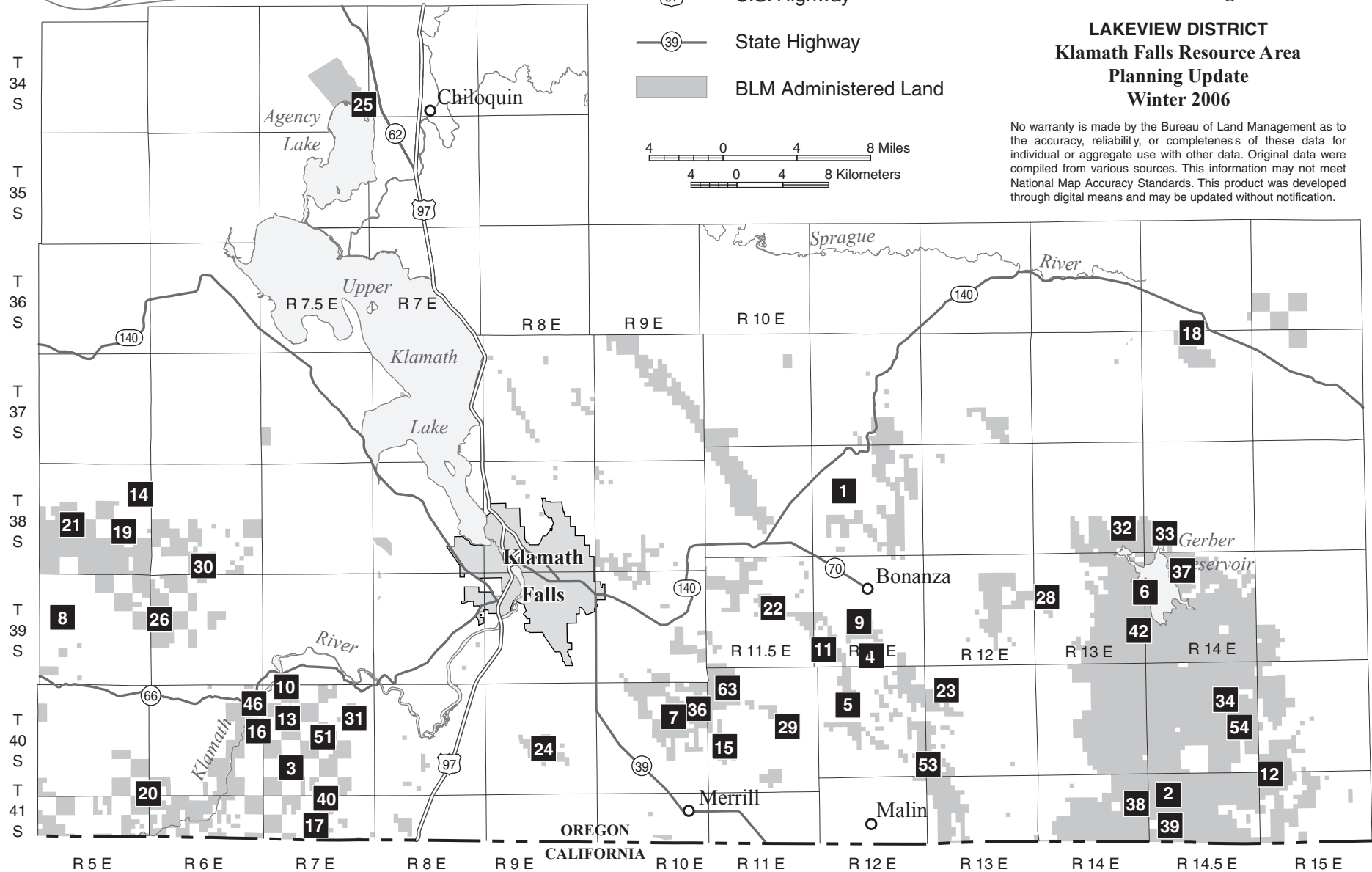
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-  Project Location
-  U.S. Highway
-  State Highway
-  BLM Administered Land



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