

# **Klamath Falls Resource Area Planning Update Spring 2007**



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## KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA PLANNING UPDATE Spring 2007

**Planning Update General Information** – This Planning Update provides information about activities proposed on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area. A table is included 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. News releases and public notices are published in the Herald and News as certain projects reach stages for public involvement. Written comments to a specific environmental assessment should be sent or delivered to the Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area, by the close of (or postmarked by) the last day of the comment period specified. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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.

**Western Oregon Plan Revision Process Update** – The BLM planning team is involved in a detailed analysis using existing data, information, and sophisticated models to determine environmental, economic, and social effects. Some changes and adjustments to the alternatives are expected when the analysis is completed. The BLM is working closely with formal plan cooperators, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Oregon (10 agencies), and the cooperating western Oregon counties. A draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement will be released in mid-2007 for a 90-day public review and comment period. After consideration of public comments, a proposed resource management plan and final environmental impact statement will be issued in the fall of 2007. A record of decision for each district will be issued early in 2008.

Periodic updates on the process will be published in the plan revision newsletter and on the BLM Internet web page at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr>. The BLM maintains an extensive plan revision mailing list. Materials, including a summary document, are available in printed format, on CD, or via the Internet. If you wish to be on either the postal or electronic mailing list, please write to Western Oregon Plan Revisions, POB 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208; or call 503-808-6629, or email [orwopr@blm.gov](mailto:orwopr@blm.gov).

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<b>SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS</b>						
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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						
<b>Vegetation Treatments – New Projects</b>						
<b>Klamath Falls Resource Area Aspen Restoration Treatments</b>	Entire Resource Area	None	On hold	Unknown	Annual Treatments	Shane Durant
<b>Vegetation Treatments – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
<b>Noxious Weed Treatments</b> – 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
<b>Klamath River Oak Thinning and Big Bend Rx burn EA</b> - 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
<b>Timber Management – New Projects</b>						
<b>Jenny Creek EA</b> – 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
<b>Buck Again Timber Sale</b> –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
<b>PVJ Forest Health and Fuels Treatments EA</b>	T41S, R7E, Sec. 7, 9, 15	#17	Scoping planned for Spring 2007	Summer 2007	Proposed sale date - October 2007	Mike Bechdolt
<b>Timber Management – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
<b>Walter’s Cabin Timber Sale EA</b> – 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	August 2008	Mike Bechdolt
<b>Adobe East Timber Sale</b> – 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	Fall 2007	Mike Bechdolt
<b>CHEW Timber Sale</b> – 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	Fall 2008	Mike Bechdolt
<b>FY 04 - Matchbox Title II Service Contract/Timber Sale</b> – 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	Summer 2007	Mike Bechdolt
<b>Thin Sheep Timber Sale EA</b> –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	Winter 2009	Mike Bechdolt
<b>Stewardship Contracts – New Projects</b>						
<b>Splinter Hauler Juniper Yarding</b>	Dog Hollow	#24	On hold	Unknown	Unknown	Mike Bechdolt

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<b>Stewardship Contracts – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
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 2008	Mike Bechdolt
Gerber Stew Stewardship – Landing biomass removal	T40 & 41S, R6 & 7E	#13	CX completed	6/7/05	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt
Lower Midway Juniper Stewardship Proposal	Lower Midway	#54	DNA completed.	9/30/2004	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
Hamaker Title II – Plantation Thinning	T.40S., R.7E., Sec. 15, 23	#51	CX completed	7/13/06	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt
<b>Lands/Minerals Management – New Projects</b>						
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
Boulevard Associates, LLC Wind Energy Test Sites and Road Use ROW	Bryant Mountain	#53	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Linda Younger
<b>Lands/Minerals Management – Recent Decisions</b>						
Qwest Corporation Hamaker Mountain ROW Renewal	Hamaker Mountain	#27	CX completed	2/6/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger
<b>Lands/Minerals Management – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
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
<b>Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – New Projects</b>						
Chicken Hills DDR Fuel Treatment and Rx Fire	T40S, R7E, Sec. 29	#3	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2010	Steve Underwood
Surveyor OGA Fuels Treatment	Surveyor Campground	#21	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2009	Steve Underwood
Lower Spencer DDR Fuels Treatment	T.38S, R6E, Sec. 27,34	#30	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2010	Steve Underwood
Pankey – Grizzly Fuels Treatments	Pankey Lake/Grizzly Butte	#28	On hold	Unknown	Unknown	Eric Johnson
Horse Camp Rim #3 and #4 Fuel Treatments	Horse Camp Rim	#34	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2010	Marv Strom
Petric Marsh Fuel Treatments	Wood River Wetland	#25	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Underwood
West Antelope Creek Sage Grouse Habitat/ Fuels Treatment	T41S R14.5E Sec 4, 5, 8	#2	CX on hold	Unknown	Unknown	Steve Hayner
Pokegama 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 2010	Matt Broyles
Hopeless Fuel Treatments	T41S, R14E, Secs 23 & 24 T41S, R14½E, Sec 19	#38	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2010	Eric Johnson
Bonanza View Fuel Treatments	T39S, R11E, Secs. 21, 22, 27-29	#22	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2009	Eric Johnson
<b>Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – Recent Decisions</b>						
Pleasant Valley Hazardous Fuels Treatment	Grenada Butte Area	#17	CX completed	12/29/06	FY 2008	Eric Johnson

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<b>Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
<b>Tunnel Creek DDR Fuel Treatment</b>	T.38S., R.5E., Section 23	#19	CX completed	2/28/2006	FY 2008	Matt Broyles
<b>Seven Stukels Mechanical Fuels Treatments</b>	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	3/1/2006	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
<b>Horsefly Prescribed Underburn</b> – underburning ponderosa pine north of Gerber Reservoir	Gerber Block	#33	CX completed.	9/30/04	FY 2008	Eric Johnson
<b>Keno Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction</b> - Fuels treatment project to reduce hazardous fuels in the Keno WUI.	Keno, Oregon	#31	CX completed	5/17/04	FY 2010	Eric Johnson
<b>Big Adobe East</b> – underburning ponderosa pine	Gerber Block	#12	EA/DR completed	9/8/04	FY 2008	Steve Underwood
<b>FTZ 175 Fuels Treatment</b>	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	7/12/05	FY 2007	Eric Johnson
<b>Dorris WUI Fuels Treatment</b>	T41S R7E Sec 3, 9, 10, 15, 17	#40	CX completed	4/19/04	FY 2010	Eric Johnson
<b>Willow Sage Grouse Habitat and Fuels Treatment</b>	Willow Reservoir	#39	CX completed	4/17/06	FY 2008	Steve Hayner
<b>Pine Creek Restoration Fuels Treatment</b>	Gerber Block	#42	CX completed	6/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
<b>West Boundary BEHMA Habitat and Fuels Treatment</b>	Gerber Reservoir	#37	CX completed	7/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles
<b>Wildlife Management – New Projects</b>						
<b>Bitterbrush Seedling Planting and Seeding -Deer Winter Range</b>	South Gerber	Various	CX in progress	Spring 2007	Spring 2007	Steve Hayner
<b>Round Valley Lek Vegetation Treatment</b>	T 39S, R 14E, Sec 19-21, 28-30, 32, 33	#35	CX in progress	Spring 2007	Summer 2007	Steve Hayner
<b>Recreation – New Projects</b>						
<b>Gerber South Campground Boat Ramp Reconstruction</b>	Gerber South Campground	#6	Analysis on hold	Unknown	Unknown	Scott Senter
<b>Recreation – Ongoing Implementation</b>						
<b>Wood River Wetland</b> – 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
<b>Gerber Area Recreation Improvements - (RMP ROD EIS 6-2-95, pp. 49-50)</b> - 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
<b>Gerber Area Primitive Camp and Day Use Sites Recreation Improvements.</b> 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
<b>Topsy Recreation Site Improvements</b> – Ongoing maintenance	T40S, R7E, Sec. 6	#10	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	As needed	Scott Senter
<b>Ongoing Planning /Implementation - General</b>						
<b>RMP Revision</b> – 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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<b>Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – in progress</b>						
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
Bryant-Taylor Allotment (#0857)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Bill Lindsey
Bryant-Stastay Allotment (#0856)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Bill Lindsey
Warlow Allotment (#0831)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Bill Lindsey
Pope Allotment (#0848)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#15	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Molly Juillerat
Rajnus Bros. Allotment (#0849)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#29	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Molly Juillerat
<b>Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – completed in FY 2007*</b>						
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
Wetland Ecology, WRW Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/30/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (USFWS)	3
Importance of Writing in Archaeology	12/8/06	Henley Middle School	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Teachers	44
Winter Wings Tour -Wetland Ecology and WRW Restoration	2/17/07	Wood River Wetland	Adults	18

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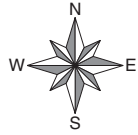
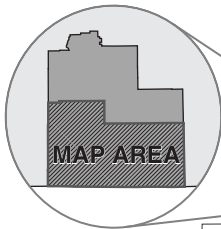
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**Yearly Scheduled Events - 2007**

Event/Activity	Date	Location	Contact(s)	# of Participants (Employees/Public*)
Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic	May 4-6	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter	
International Migratory Bird Day	May 12	Veteran's Memorial Park	Steve Hayner	
National Free Fishing Day	June	(to be announced)	Scott Senter	
RAP Camp	June 18-22	Camp Esther Applegate	Scott Senter	
Klamath County Fair	August 9-12	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter	
Pedaling through the Past (event held every two years)	September 2007	Topsy Wagon Road	Michelle Durant	
National Public Lands Day	September 15	Klamath River Canyon	Scott Senter	
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September	Clover Creek Educational Area	Greg Reddell	

\*Numbers of public participants for large events are estimates.





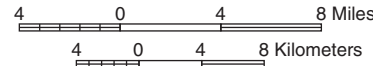


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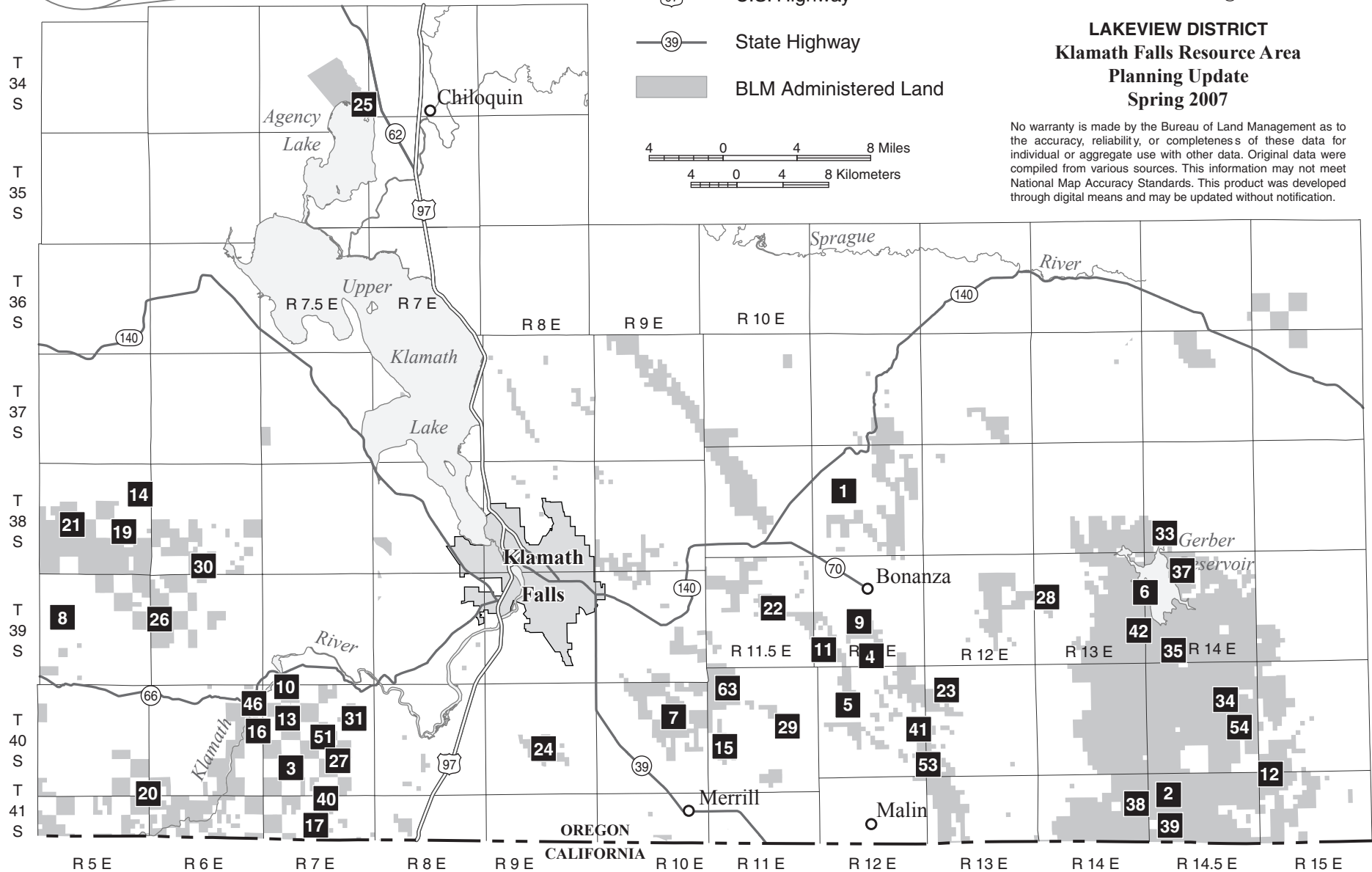
**LEGEND**

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



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