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**BLM Thinning and Fuels Reduction in LaPine Basin
to Begin this Winter**

LaPine—The Prineville District BLM will begin work on two projects to thin the forest and reduce hazardous fuels in the La Pine Basin this winter, and continue in phases over the next two years. The projects will thin the forest with tracked machines and by chainsaw, focusing on creating fire buffers along property lines, county roads, and residential access roads. Other goals are to improve forest health, restore ponderosa pine, and enhance wildlife habitat.

The first project, “Riverview,” is expected to begin in early January 2009. This project is located one mile north of Wickiup Junction in the vicinity of Riverview Road, Huntington Road, and the Pinecrest, Holmes Acres, Lazy River, and Cagle subdivisions.

The second project, “Darlene,” will likely begin in February 2009. This project is located adjacent to La Pine city limits, just to the east/southeast. Activities will occur along Reed Road, Finley Butte Road, Huntington Road, Darlene Way, and adjacent to the Roan Park Subdivision and La Pine Industrial Park.

There will be intermittent noise and dust associated with these projects. For additional information, contact Steve Castillo, BLM Forester, at (541) 416-6765.