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### **Invasive Plant Decision Withdrawn**

*Bend*—After review in the Pacific Northwest Regional Office of the Forest Service in Portland, Deschutes National Forest Supervisor John Allen and Ochoco National Forest Supervisor Jeff Walter have withdrawn the Record of Decision (ROD) Part One for Invasive Plant Treatment on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and the Crooked River National Grassland. The ROD was signed by both Forest Supervisors on December 5, 2007 and the legal notice of the decision was published in the newspaper of record, the *Bulletin*, on January 4, 2008.

The ROD Part One covers approximately sixty percent of the invasive plants treatment areas for the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests and Crooked River Grassland. It applies only to watersheds where there will be no effect to listed fish species, and covers approximately 8,883 acres of treatment of invasive plant sites.

Additional analysis of effects of plant treatments on fish and water quality will now be conducted and will result in a new Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a new ROD.

The Forest Service will treat invasive plant sites this summer that have already been fully analyzed for treatment. With the current withdrawal of the decision, the Forest Service will not be treating the new sites identified in the FEIS and ROD Part One this season.

“It is vital that we address invasive species that are currently degrading public lands,” says John Allen. “Our interdisciplinary team of specialists in Central Oregon will be working with Regional Office staff to complete the additional analysis, and we will have a new decision for the public in the near future.”