Klamath Falls Resource Area Planning Update Fall 2007







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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 draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement was released on August 9, 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 spring of 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Don Holmstrom

Field Manager Klamath Falls Resource Area

	SCHEDULE OF PRO	OPOSEI	D PROJECTS					
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT * KLAMA	TH FALLS RESOURCE AR	EA * 2795	ANDERSON AVENU	E, BLDG. #25 *	KLAMATH FALLS, OR 9	7603		
PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	PHONE NUMBE 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	Unknown	Shane Durant		
Klamath River Oak Thin and Fuels Treatments II	Klamath River Canyon	#46	EA in preparation	FY 2008	FY 2009	Steve Hayner		
Timber Management – New Projects								
Buck 15 Timber Sale – An estimated 700-800 acre timber sale in the Spencer Creek watershed near Buck Lake. Includes Density Management and Regeneration Harvest	T38S., R5E., Sec. 15	#8	EA/FONSI Signed 4/1/03	October 2007	Proposed sale date November 28, 2007	Mike Bechdolt		
PVJ Timber Sale – Density Management Timber Sale	T41S, R7E, Sec. 7, 9, 15	#17	Scoping letter 01/07 EA in preparation	Summer 2008	Proposed sale date August 2008	Mike Bechdolt		
Buck 13 Timber Sale – Est. 30-40 acre timber sale near Buck Lake in Spencer Ck watershed. Density Mgmt and Regeneration Harvest	T.38S., R5E., Sec.13	#14	Scoping letter 07/07 EA in preparation	Summer 2008	Proposed sale date August 2008	Shane Durant		
Buck 23 Timber Sale – An estimated 400 acre timber sale in the Spencer Creek watershed near Buck Lake. Includes Density Management and Regeneration Harvest	T38S., R5E., Sec. 23, 25 and 26	#19	EA/FONSI Signed 4/1/03.	Fall 2008	Proposed sale date October 2008	Mike Bechdolt		
Cold Onion EA & Timber Sale – Est. 500+ acre timber sale in Jenny Creek Watershed – Density Mgmt and Regeneration Harvests	T38S., R.5E., Sec. 34 T.39S., R.6E., Sec. 2,11-13	#26	EA Scoping planned for Spring 08	Fall 2008	Proposed sale date Fall 2008 / Spring 2009	Mike Bechdolt		
Timber Management – Recent Decisions								
Pleasant Valley Salvage	T41S, R6E., Section 13	#17	CX in preparation	9/13/07	FY 2008	Mike Bechdolt		
Ger	Gerber Stew Stewardship Contract – New Projects							
2008 – Juniper Yarding / Utilization EA	Dog Hollow Schnipps – FTZ 95-71 Klamath Forest Estates	None	Initial scoping to be done – Winter 2008	Spring 2008	June 2008	Mike Bechdolt		
Splinter Hauler Juniper Yarding	Dog Hollow	#24	On hold	Unknown	Unknown	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								
Hayes Road Use ROW	T39S, R13E, Sec.1, 11	#33	CX completed	7/31/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger		
J-Spear Ranch Reciprocal Road Use Authorization	T. 41S., R. 7E., Section 10	# 17	CX completed	9/4/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger		
Derham Reciprocal Road Use Authorization	T. 41S., R. 7E., Section 9	#17	CX completed	9/4/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger		
Sainte Partners II Road Use ROW	T. 40S., R. 10 E, Sections 3, 4, 5,10, and 15	#7	CX completed	9/4/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger		

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Wildlife Management – New Projects							
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	
North Gerber Lek Vegetation Treatment	T 39S, R 14.5E, Sec 6	#44	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Steve Hayner	
Round Valley Lek Vegetation Treatment II	T 39S, R 14E, Sec 19-21, 28-30, 32, 33	#35	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Steve Hayner	
Bitterbrush Planting	Various in fuel Rx areas	none	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Steve Hayner	
Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – New Projects							
Chicken Hills DDR Fuel Treatment and Rx Fire	T40S, R7E, Sec. 29	#3	On hold	FY 2008	FY 2010	Matt Broyles	
Surveyor OGA Fuels Treatment	Surveyor Campground	#21	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2009	Matt Broyles	
Lower Spencer DDR Fuels Treatment	T.38S, R6E, Sec. 27,34	#30	On hold	FY 2007	FY 2010	Matt Broyles	
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 2008	FY 2010	Marv Strom	
Petric Marsh Fuel Treatments	Wood River Wetland	#25	On hold	Unknown	Unknown	Steve Underwood	
Hopeless Fuel Treatments	T41S, R14E, Secs 23 & 24 T41S, R14½E, Sec 19	#38	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2010	Eric Johnson	
FTZ 98-9 Prescribed Fire	East Stukel Mountain	#63	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Eric Johnson	
Recreation – New Projects							
Gerber South Campground Boat Ramp Reconstruction	Gerber South Campground	#6	Analysis in progress	FY 2008	Fall 2008	Scott Senter	
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	DEIS in public review	FY 2008	RMP Revision – FY 2008	Don Hoffheins	

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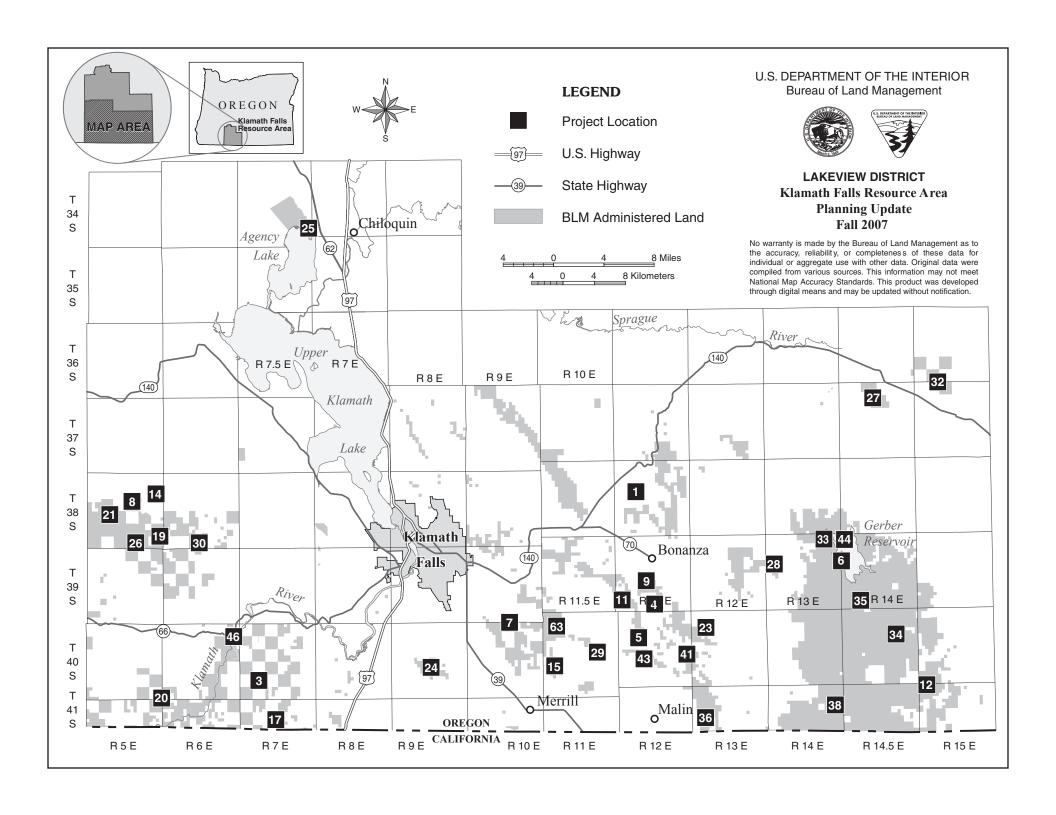
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

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Yearly Scheduled Events - 2007

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Event/Activity	Date	Location	Contact(s)	# of Participants (Employees/Public*)			
Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic	May 4-6	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter	7/2000			
International Migratory Bird Day	May 12	Veteran's Memorial Park	Steve Hayner	5/800			
RAP Camp	June 18-22	Camp Esther Applegate	Scott Senter	6/50			
Klamath County Fair	August 9-12	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter	10/5000			
Pedaling through the Past (every other year)	September 15	Topsy Wagon Road	Michelle Durant	4/7			
National Public Lands Day	September 15	Topsy Campground	Scott Senter	8/50			
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September 25-27	Clover Creek Educational Area	Greg Reddell	1/790			

^{*}Numbers of public participants for large events are estimates.



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