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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. As certain projects reach stages for public involvement, news releases and public notices may be published in the Herald and News. 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 – 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 environmental impact statement was released on August 9, 2007 for public review and comment. The comment period will close on January 11 and, after consideration of public comments, a proposed resource management plan and final environmental impact statement will be issued in the Fall of 2008.

Periodic updates on the process will be published in the plan revision newsletter and on the BLM Internet web page at: <u>http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr</u>. The BLM maintains an extensive plan revision mailing list. Planning documents 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 <u>orwopr@blm.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donald J. Holmstrom

Field Manager Klamath Falls Resource Area

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT * KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA * 2795 ANDERSON AVENUE, BLDG. #25 * KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603 PHONE NUMBER: (541) 883-6916								
PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MAP REF. #	STATUS OF ANALYSIS	ANALYSIS COMPLETION	PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION	CONTACT		
CX = Categorical Exclusion, DNA = Determination of N	EPA Adequacy, EA = Enviro	onmental A	ssessment, EIS = Env	vironmental Impac	t Statement, DR = Decision	Record		
Vegetation Treatments – New Projects								
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								
PVJ Timber Sale – Density Management Timber Sale	T41S, R7E, Sec. 7, 9, 15	#17	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, 26, 27, & 36	#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								
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. 14 & 15	#8	EA/FONSI Signed 4/1/03	Decision Record 11/2/07	Unknown, currently under protest	Mike Bechdolt		
Ger	ber Stew Stewardship	o Contra	act – New Proje	cts				
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		
Lands/Minerals Management – New Projects								
Happy Hollow Land Sale	T38S, R11E, Sec.17	#1	EA in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Linda Younger		
East Stukel Land Sale	T40S, R11E, Sec. 9	#63	EA in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Linda Younger		
Nancy Charley Trust Land Sale	T38S, R5E, Sec.13	#14	EA in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Linda Younger		
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 2008	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		

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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 2008	FY 2010	Matt Broyles		
Horse Camp Rim #3 and #4 Fuel Treatments	Horse Camp Rim	#34	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2010	Marv Strom		
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		
Road/Facility Maintenance	Resource Area Wide	None	CX in progress	FY 2008	FY 2008	Brian McCarty		
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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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.							
Haught Allotment (#0801)	Buck Butte	#43	None Known	Assessment in Progress	FY 2008	Dana Eckard	
Mills Creek Allotment (#0865)	East of Malin	#36	None Known	Assessment in Progress	FY 2008	Dana Eckard	
Bryant-Lyon Allotment (#0840)	East of Malin	#36	None Known	Assessment in Progress	FY 2008	Dana Eckard	
Rajnus Bros. Allotment (#0849)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#29	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Amber Knoll	
Swede Cabin (#0847)	Northeast of Bly, Oregon	#32	None Known	Assessment completed	FY 2008	Dana Eckard	
7C Allotment (#0853)	Northeast of Bly, Oregon	#32	None Known	Assessment completed	FY 2008	Dana Eckard	
Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – completed in FY 2008*							
North Horsefly (#0821)	Near Bly, Oregon	#27	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2007	Bill Lindsey	
North Horsefly (#0823)	Near Bly, Oregon	#27	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2007	Bill Lindsey	
Pope Allotment (#0848)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#15	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2007	Amber Knoll	
*A total of 68 Rangeland Health Standards Assessments have been completed to date, which encompasses approximately 90% of the KFRA.							

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT * KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA * 2795 ANDERSON AVENUE, BLDG. #25 * KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97603 PHONE NUMBER: (541) 883-6916							
Yearly Scheduled Events - 2008							
Event/Activity	Date	Location	Contact(s)	# of Participants (Employees/Public*)			
Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic	May	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter				
International Migratory Bird Day	May	Veteran's Memorial Park	Steve Hayner				
RAP Camp	June	Camp Esther Applegate	Scott Senter				
Klamath County Fair	August	Klamath County Fairgrounds	Scott Senter				
Pedaling through the Past (every other year)	Not this year	Topsy Wagon Road	Michelle Durant				
National Public Lands Day	September	Topsy Campground	Scott Senter				
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September	Clover Creek Educational Area	Greg Reddell				

*Numbers of public participants for large events are estimates.

