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BLM Announces \$3.5 Million Stimulus Investment Across Klamath and Lake Counties

Lakeview, OR – Today, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lakeview District Office announced \$3.5 million to fund seven projects throughout Klamath and Lake counties under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These investments will restore landscapes and habitat, spur renewable energy development on public lands and create jobs.

The \$3.5 million is part of the \$32.4 million that will fund 60 BLM projects throughout Oregon and Washington. Overall, the BLM will manage \$305 million in investments nationwide as part of the recovery plan signed by the President to jumpstart our economy, create or save jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.

The Lakeview District projects are as follows:

- **Lakeview Biomass Removal I**, a renewable energy authorization project, will remove and utilize residual biomass generated from vegetation treatments within Klamath and Lake counties.
- **Lakeview Biomass Removal II**, a renewable energy authorization project, will remove and utilize residual biomass generated from vegetation treatments within Klamath and Lake counties.
- **Green Mountain Lookout Replacement**, a deferred maintenance project, will replace the lookout structure, improve the access road, install a radio repeater and enhance facilities at an adjacent campground.
- **All Weather Road Surfacing**, a deferred road maintenance project, will improve heavily traveled BLM roads, which will reduce future maintenance costs and make travel possible during inclement weather. Examples of roads that will be enhanced are those surrounding Gerber Reservoir and the access road to the Sand Dunes east of Christmas Valley.
- **South Gerber Well Drilling**, a capital improvement project, will drill a well on BLM-managed lands east of the Langell Valley to provide water for fire suppression and road maintenance activities.
- **Lakeview Interagency Site – Parking Lot Surfacing**, a capital improvement project, will improve the parking area that serves the Lakeview Interagency Fire Center, equipment shop, warehouse and radio building. The existing base will be removed, adequate drainage installed, a new crushed rock base constructed and the surface chip sealed.

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- **Lakeview Wind Energy Sage-grouse Study**, a renewable energy authorization project, will establish baseline sage-grouse habitat data for consideration when reviewing wind energy development proposals.

The public will be able to follow the progress of each project on www.recovery.gov and on www.interior.gov/recovery. The Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has appointed a Senior Advisor for Economic Recovery, Chris Henderson, and an Interior Economic Recovery Task Force. Henderson and the Task Force will work closely with the Department of the Interior's Inspector General to ensure that the recovery program is meeting the high standards for accountability, responsibility, and transparency that President Obama has set.

For more information about the Lakeview District American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects, please call Scott Stoffel at (541) 947-6237.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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