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**South Bend Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project  
Environmental Assessment Available for 30-Day Objection Period**

***Bend***—The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the South Bend Hazardous Fuels Project is released for a 30-day Objection Period beginning August 27, 2008. This project was designed under the authority of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, and was developed through a collaborative process with at-risk (of wildfires) communities, organizations, individuals and other agencies.

Located within the Greater Bend Community Wildfire Protection Plan boundary, this project is designed to reduce wildland fire risk in the area adjacent to the southern urban growth boundary of Bend. The project will reduce fuels on 3,021 acres through thinning, mowing, pruning, hand piling and underburning.

The EA is available on the website at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon). For further information or a copy of the EA, contact Beth Peer (541) 383-4769 or David Frantz (541) 383-4721 at the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, 1230 NE Third Street, Suite A-262, Bend, Oregon 97701.

