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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 – 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 BLM planning team is involved in a detailed analysis using existing data, information, and sophisticated models to determine environmental, economic, and social effects. Some changes and adjustments to the alternatives are expected when the analysis is completed. The BLM is working closely with formal plan cooperators, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Environmental Protection agency, the State of Oregon (10 agencies), and the cooperating western Oregon counties. A draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement will be released in mid-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 fall of 2007. A record of decision for each district will be issued early in 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. 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 <u>orwopr@blm.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

1st Don Holmstrom

Field Manager Klamath Falls Resource Area

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PHONE NUMBER: (541) 883-6916 PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION LOCATION MAP STATUS OF DECISION PROJECT COMPLETION DATE REF. # ANALYSIS DATE COMPLETION DATE									
CX = Categorical Exclusion, DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy, EA = Environmental Assessment, EIS = Environmental Impact Statement, DR = Decision Record									
	Vegetation Treatm	ents – N	lew Projects						
Klamath Falls Resource Area Aspen Restoration Treatments	Entire Resource Area	None	On hold	Unknown	Annual Treatments	Shane Durant			
Klamath River Oak Thin and Fuels Treatments II	Klamath River Canyon	#46	EA in preparation	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Hayner			
Veg	etation Treatments –	Ongoin	g Implementatio	n					
Noxious Weed Treatments – contain/ reduce noxious weed populations using integrated pest management (manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods). Tiered to KFRA Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) and EA-OR-014-93-09.	Weed-infested sites throughout the Klamath Falls Resource Area	None	EA/DR completed	7/21/93	Noxious Weed Treatments occur annually May - October.	Lou Whiteaker			
Klamath River Oak Thinning and Big Bend Rx burn EA - Thin 200 acres of oak woodland and underburn approx. 900 acres in the Klamath River Canyon to restore plant communities and reduce fire management costs and potential for stand replacing wildfire.	T 40S 6E Sec 11-14, 23, 26, 27, 34 T 41S 6E Sec 03, 04, 09	#46	Public Review complete	September 2006	FY 2009	Steve Hayner			
Timber Man	agement – Proposed	Timber	Sales EAs and T	reatments					
Buck Again 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, 23, 25 and 26	#14	EA preparation in progress.	Fall 2007	Proposed sale date October 2007	Mike Bechdolt			
PVJ Timber Sale – Density Management Timber Sale	T41S, R7E, Sec. 7, 9, 15	#17	EA Scoping letter sent out – Jan. 2007	Summer 2007	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		EA Scoping planned for Summer 07	Summer 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		EA Scoping planned for summer 07	January 2008	Proposed sale date August 2009	Mike Bechdolt			
Timb	er Management – Sol	d & Aw	arded Timber Sa	ales					
FY 04 - Matchbox Title II Service Contract/Timber Sale – Service contract under Secure Rural Schools and Community Self- Determination Act to thin, yard, and deck trees on approximately 300 acres of overstocked mixed conifer stands. Timber sale contract to sell decked material.	Chase Mountain Area T.40S.,R.7E., Sec. 9	#13	EA and DR completed.	2/17/2004	Sold Aug 04 /Awarded Logging scheduled for 07	Mike Bechdolt			
FY 05 - CHEW Timber Sale – Approximately 1,000 acres density management understory reduction.	T40S, R6E, Secs. 1, 11, 14 T40S, R7E, Secs. 3 and 5	#16	EA andDR completed	7/28/05	Sold Aug. 05 /Awarded Logging scheduled FY07	Mike Bechdolt			
FY 06 - Walter's Cabin Timber Sale EA – This EA and subsequent Decision Record address a commercial timber sale, non-commercial silvicultural and riparian reserve treatments, and restoration work.	T.39S., R. 6E., Section 15 & 21.	#26	EA and DR completed	7/25/06	Sold Aug 06/Awarded Logging scheduled for 08	Mike Bechdolt			
FY 06 - Adobe East Timber Sale – Approximately 1400 acre density management thinning sale. Located in the southern portion of Gerber Block. Analyzed in South Gerber EA #OR-014-04-06.	T40S, R15E, Secs. 31, 32 T41S, R15E, Secs. 5-7, and 17-21	#12	EA and DR completed	7/22/05	Sold Dec. 05 /Awarded Logging scheduled for 07	Mike Bechdolt			
FY 07 - Thin Sheep Timber Sale EA – Forest health and restoration treatments in the Johnson Creek area: commercial timber sale, non-commercial silvicultural and riparian, road, and aspen restoration.	T.39S., R.5E., Sections 17, 21, 29, 31, 33	#8	EA and DR completed	Oct. 2006	Sold Oct. 06 /Awarded Logging scheduled for 07	Mike Bechdolt			

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PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	MAP STATUS OF REF. # ANALYSIS		DECISION DATE	PROJECT COMPLETION DATE	CONTACT			
Gerber Stew Stewardship Contract – New Proposed Treatments/Task Orders									
Splinter Hauler Juniper Yarding	Dog Hollow	#24	On hold	Unknown Unknown		Mike Bechdolt			
Gerber St	ew Stewardship Cont	tract – C	Ongoing Impleme	entation					
Bryant Mtn. Forest and Juniper Woodland Thinning	T.40S, R.12E.	#53	Analysis completed	4/27/06	Summer 2009	Mike Bechdolt			
Gerber Stew – Upper Bear Valley Small Diameter Thinning	T.40S., R7E., Section 11	#31	CX completed	6/7/05	Summer 2008	Mike Bechdolt			
Gerber Stew Stewardship - Landing biomass removal	T40 & 41S, R6 & 7E	#13	CX completed	6/7/05	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt			
Lower Midway Juniper Stewardship Proposal	Lower Midway	#54	DNA completed.	9/30/2004	FY 2007	Matt Broyles			
Hamaker Title II – Plantation Thinning	T.40S., R.7E., Sec. 15, 23	#51	CX completed	7/13/06	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt			
East Fork Juniper Utilization and Pine Thinning	T41S, R14.5E, Sec. 1- 3,10,11	#18	EA completed	6/27/07	FY 2007	Mike Bechdolt			
I	ands/Minerals Mana	gement	– 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			
Hayes Road Use ROW	T39S, R13E, Sec.1, 11	none	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Linda Younger			
La	nds/Minerals Manage	ement –	Recent Decision	S					
Pacific Power ROW Renewal	Keno Springs Road	none	CX completed	5/31/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger			
Boulevard Associates Wind Energy Test Sites/Road Use ROW	Bryant Mountain	#53	CX completed	6/1/07	FY 2007	Linda Younger			
Lands	Minerals Managemer	nt – Ong	oing Implement	ation					
Wood River Wetland Acquisition/Klamath County Foreclosure - Acquire 30 acres from Klamath County.	T34S, R7 1/2E, Sec 36	#25	DNA completed	7/1/04	Pending county negotiations.	Linda Younger			
Prescri	bed Burning and Fue	els Treat	tment – New Pro	jects	· · · · ·				
Chicken Hills DDR Fuel Treatment and Rx Fire	T40S, R7E, Sec. 29	#3	On hold	FY 2007	FY 2010	Steve Underwood			
Surveyor OGA Fuels Treatment	Surveyor Campground	#21	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2009	Steve Underwood			
Lower Spencer DDR Fuels Treatment	T.38S, R6E, Sec. 27,34	#30	On hold	FY 2007	FY 2010	Steve Underwood			
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 2007	FY 2010	Marv Strom			
Petric Marsh Fuel Treatments	Wood River Wetland	#25	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2008	Steve Underwood			
West Antelope Creek Sage Grouse Habitat/ Fuels Treatment	T41S R14.5E Sec 4, 5, 8	#2	CX on hold	Unknown	Unknown	Steve Hayner			
Hopeless Fuel Treatments	T41S, R14E, Secs 23 & 24 T41S, R14½E, Sec 19	#38	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2010	Eric Johnson			

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Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – Ongoing Implementation									
Tunnel Creek DDR Fuel Treatment	T.38S., R.5E., Section 23	#19	CX completed	2/28/2006	FY 2008	Matt Broyles			
Seven Stukels Mechanical Fuels Treatments	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	3/1/2006	FY 2008	Eric Johnson			
Horsefly Prescribed Underburn – underburning ponderosa pine north of Gerber Reservoir	Gerber Block	#33	CX completed.	9/30/04	FY 2008	Eric Johnson			
Keno Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Reduction - Fuels treatment project to reduce hazardous fuels in the Keno WUI.	Keno, Oregon	#31	CX completed	5/17/04	FY 2010	Eric Johnson			
Big Adobe East – underburning ponderosa pine	Gerber Block	#12	EA/DR completed	9/8/04	FY 2008	Steve Underwood			
FTZ 175 Fuels Treatment	Stukel Mountain	#7	CX completed	7/12/05	FY 2007	Eric Johnson			
Dorris WUI Fuels Treatment	T41S,R7E sec 3,9,10,15,17	#40	CX completed	4/19/04	FY 2010	Eric Johnson			
Willow Sage Grouse Habitat and Fuels Treatment	Willow Reservoir	#39	CX completed	4/17//06	FY 2008	Steve Hayner			
Pine Creek Restoration Fuels Treatment	Gerber Block	#42	CX completed	6/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles			
West Boundary BEHMA Habitat and Fuels Treatment	Gerber Reservoir	#37	CX completed	7/26/06	FY 2007	Matt Broyles			
Pleasant Valley Hazardous Fuels Treatment	Grenada Butte Area	#17	CX completed	12/29/06	FY 2008	Eric Johnson			
Bonanza View Fuel Treatments	T39S,R11E sec 21,22,27	#22	CX completed	4/3/07	FY 2009	Eric Johnson			
	Wildlife Managem	ent – No	ew 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 2007	FY 2007	Steve Hayner			
Round Valley Lek Vegetation Treatment II	T 39S, R 14E, Sec 19-21, 28-30, 32, 33	#35	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Steve Hayner			
Bitterbrush Planting	Various in fuel Rx areas	none	CX in progress	FY 2007	FY 2007	Steve Hayner			
	Wildlife Managemer	nt – Rec	ent Decisions						
Round Valley Lek Vegetation Treatment	T 39S, R 14E, Sec 19-21, 28-30, 32, 33	#35	CX completed	5/31/07	Summer 2007	Steve Hayner			
	Recreation –	New Pr	ojects						
Gerber South Campground Boat Ramp Reconstruction	Gerber South Campground	#6	Analysis in progress	FY 2007	Fall 2007	Scott Senter			
	Recreation – Ongo	ing Imp	lementation	•	•				
Wood River Wetland – Remaining projects: interpretive signs and trail system, surface rock dike roads from bridge to 7-mile Canal, and group interpretive site.	Wood River Wetland 25 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon	#25	Wood River Wetland RMP/EIS	7/28/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter			
Gerber Area Recreation Improvements – Maintenance/ improvement/replacement including: rocking/chip-sealing/ paving road system and campsites, Barnes Valley Boat Ramp access road.	Gerber Reservoir Recreation Site	#6	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter			
Gerber Area Primitive Camp and Day Use Sites Recreation Improvements. Continue to update or improve existing facilities. Continue construction of Gerber Potholes Trail.	Nine recreation sites and campgrounds in the Gerber area.	#6	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	Pending funding	Scott Senter			
Topsy Recreation Site Improvements – Ongoing maintenance	T40S, R7E, Sec. 6	#10	KFRA RMP/ROD	6/2/95	As needed	Scott Senter			
Ongoing 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	EIS in progress	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.								
Harpold Chaining Allotment (#0836)	East of Klamath Falls	#9	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Dana Eckard		
Rajnus & Son Allotment (#0864)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#5	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2007	Dana Eckard		
North Horsefly (#0821)	Near Bly, Oregon	#27	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Bill Lindsey		
North Horsefly (#0823)	Near Bly, Oregon	#27	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Bill Lindsey		
Swede Cabin (#0847)	Northeast of Bly, Oregon	#32	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Bill Lindsey		
7C (#0853)	Northeast of Bly, Oregon	#32	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Bill Lindsey		
Pope Allotment (#0848)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#15	None Known	Assessment in progress	FY 2008	Molly Juillerat		
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	Molly Juillerat		
Range	land Health Standard	ls Assessr	nents – completed	in FY 2007*				
Bryant-Smith Allotment (#0855)	East of Klamath Falls	#23	None Known	Assessment completed	October 2006	Bill Lindsey		
Bryant-Horton Allotment (#0837)	East of Klamath Falls	#23	None Known	Assessment completed	October 2006	Bill Lindsey		
Jump Allotment (#0854)	East of Klamath Falls	#4	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2006	Dana Eckard		
Stock Drive Allotment (#0802)	East of Klamath Falls	#11	None Known	Assessment completed	November 2006	Amber Knoll		
Bryant-Taylor Allotment (#0857)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment completed	March 2007	Amber Knoll		
Bryant-Stastay Allotment (#0856)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment in progress	March 2007	Amber Knoll		
Warlow Allotment (#0831)	Southeast of Klamath Falls	#41	None Known	Assessment in progress	March 2007	Amber Knoll		
*A total of 64 Rangeland Health Standards Assessments have been completed to date, which encompasses approximately 90% of the KFRA.								

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Presentations/Environmental Education Programs/Tours (Fiscal Year to Date)									
What Was Presented	Date	Where	Group/Age	# of People					
Wetland Ecology and Wood River Wetland Project	10/19/06	OIT and Wood River Wetland	College Students	13					
Interagency Travel Management Planning Meeting	11/2/06	Klamath Falls, OR	Adults	12					
Holistic and Integrated Resource Management: Problems/Opportunities in Cultural Resource Management	11/3/06	Central Washington University - Ellensburg	University Students and Faculty	35					
Wetland Ecology, Wood River Wetland Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/7/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (BLM and ONRC)	6					
Wetland Ecology, Wood River Wetland Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/20/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (Ducks Unlimited, USFWS, private land owners)	5					
Interagency Travel Management Planning Meeting	11/20/06	Lakeview, OR	Adults	15					
Wetland Ecology, WRW Restoration and New Water Management Strategy	11/30/06	Wood River Wetland	Adults (USFWS)	3					
Importance of Writing in Archaeology	12/8/06	Henley Middle School	8 th Grade Students and Teachers	44					
Winter Wings Tour -Wetland Ecology and WRW Restoration	2/17/07	Wood River Wetland	Adults	18					
Wetland Ecology	5/21/07	Wood River Wetland	6 th graders – Klamath Outdoor School	28					
Wetland Ecology	5/22/07	Wood River Wetland	1 st graders – Chiloquin Elementary	20					
ARPA - cultural resources training session	5/22/07	Chiloquin	Adults – Klamath Tribes	20					
Archaeology	6/11/07	Klamath Outdoor School	6 th graders and adults	25					

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Yearly Scheduled Events - 2007								
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					
Pedaling through the Past (event held every two years)	September 2007	Topsy Wagon Road	Michelle Durant					
National Public Lands Day	September 15	Klamath River Canyon	Scott Senter					
Sixth Grade Forestry Tour	September	Clover Creek Educational Area	Greg Reddell					

*Numbers of public participants for large events are estimates.

