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Post-Fire Herbicide Plan Available for Public Review

Central Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prineville District Office announced that it will be opening the public comment period on the 2011 Brown Road, Razorback and Hancock Complex Post-Fire Herbicide Environmental Assessment (EA) October 12, 2012. The public is asked to provide input on the EA by submitting comments on the proposed actions. All comments must be received in writing by November 11, 2012.

The EA analyzes options to apply the herbicide “imazipic” (brand names Plateau, Cadre, Panoramic) to noxious weeds and invasive non-native weeds on BLM-administered lands affected by the Brown Road (near Maupin), Razorback (near Madras) and Hancock Complex (near Clarno) wildfires.

A pre-burn analysis of the area identified one third of the approximately 33,000 acres burned in the wildfires as being infested by noxious and invasive annual grasses. The analysis determined that the number of infested acres would double in seven years if left untreated. All treatments would be designed to minimize impacts to other resources such as water, wilderness, wildlife and recreation.

The Environmental Assessment is available online under “Documents Currently under Review” at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/index.php

Paper copies are also available from the Prineville District Office by emailing the office at BLM_OR_PR_Mail@blm.gov with the words “Post Fire Herbicide EA” in the subject line. For more information, please call the project lead, Amanda Stamper, at (541) 416-6700.

Our legal disclaimer for comments:

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.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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