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SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTERS TO COMBINE

Lakeview, Ore. – Klamath Falls (KFICF) and Lakeview (LIFC) Interagency Fire Centers will be consolidated into one facility located in Lakeview, Ore., to provide south central Oregon with improved initial attack dispatching and logistical support for emergency management.

“By combining resources, this single dispatch center will be better able to provide faster, more efficient response in the event of a wildfire and improve the safety and efficiency of fire fighters and fire operations,” said Fred Way, Forest Supervisor for the Fremont-Winema National Forest.

“There are a lot of moving pieces in play during a fire season and it makes sense to direct resources from one location,” said E.Lynn Burkett, District Manager for the Lakeview BLM. “Our goal is to have the new combined Interagency Dispatch Center completely staffed and ready for the 2014 fire season.

ODF will be a key participant in the Interagency Dispatch Center. “This will allow ODF to maintain a cohesive and effective working relationship with the landowners, allowing ODF to continue to address their concerns and meet their needs by maintaining key leadership roles in the new center,” said Greg Pittman, Klamath-Lake District Forester.

KFIFC and LIFC provide dispatch services for lands managed and protected by the Fremont-Winema National Forest, BLM Lakeview District, ODF, Crater Lake National Park, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) Sheldon-Hart Mountain National Wildlife Complex and Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex. They also assist with cooperators in local fire districts.

Lakeview Interagency Fire Center
<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

Klamath Falls Interagency Fire Center
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/kfifc/intel.html>

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