HARPOLD AND STUKEL MINERAL PITS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Lakeview, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA) of the Lakeview District is seeking public input as part of the environmental analysis process for renewal of Klamath County Public Works Department’s (KCPWD) permits.

These permits are for the Harpold and Stukel Mineral Pits that contain common varieties of gravel and rock used for road maintenance. The KCPWD submitted an application to renew the permits they have held for these sites since the 1980s. The Harpold Quarry is located approximately three miles southwest of Bonanza and is 160 acres in size. The Stukel Quarry is located approximately seven miles southeast of Klamath Falls and is 80 acres in size.

The need for action is driven by BLM’s policy to manage public lands in a manner that recognizes the Nation’s need for domestic sources of mineral; to make mineral materials available; and to permit local government entities free use of these materials for qualified purposes.

The BLM is asking for the public’s help in identifying issues and concerns that exist regarding the proposed Harpold and Stukel Mineral Pit Permit Renewal project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments by April 17, 2014 to be most effective in the BLM’s planning process. To submit comments or questions about the proposed treatments the public can email the KFRA at the following address: BLM_OR_KF_Mail@blm.gov, and identify your comments as being for the “Harpold & Stukel Mineral Pit EA.” Written comments can be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Field Manager, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Bldg. #25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Once an Environmental Assessment has been prepared, the public will have an opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed action and analysis. Additional information about planning in the BLM’s Lakeview District is available online at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/lakeview/plans/index

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