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## **Public Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Juniper Reduction Plan**

**Summer Lake, OR** – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Lakeview District and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host a joint public meeting on April 15 to discuss the agencies’ plan to reduce hazardous fuels near Ana Reservoir.

Approximately 1,000 acres of public land in the vicinity of Picture Rock Pass have been identified for juniper thinning. A draft treatment plan has been prepared for this project that addresses: (1) intended vegetation treatment methods, (2) anticipated benefits for mule deer, sage-grouse and fire resilient plant communities, and (3) follow-up restoration action to be taken. This information will be presented to the public from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Summer Lake located at 53460 Highway 31, Summer Lake, Oregon. Public comments on the draft treatment plan will be accepted during the public meeting and considered during the preparation of the final treatment plan. This juniper reduction project is anticipated to begin May 2009.

“We’re hosting this public meeting to explain how a reduction of juniper in the Picture Rock Pass area will decrease wildfire risk and benefit plant and wildlife species,” said James Price, prescribed fire and fuels planner. “Also, we want to provide residents in the area with an opportunity to have their voice heard and considered prior to the treatment plan being finalized.”

For more information about the upcoming meeting, please call the BLM at (541) 947-2177.

### About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. 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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