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Comments Sought for Rudio Highlands Fuels Treatment Projects

Prineville, Ore. – The Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is accepting public comments in preparing a Rudio Highlands Vegetative Management and Fuels Treatment Environmental Assessment. The fuels treatment project is located approximately 10 miles north of Dayville, OR, and about 5 miles east of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. The fuels project primarily includes isolated parcels of land east of Frank's Creek and north of the Rudio Mountain summit. These parcels have vegetation that is overgrown, causing the trees to become unhealthy and susceptible to mountain pine beetle infestations. A wildfire could severely damage the stands.

The BLM is seeking comments that will help identify planning issues and decision criteria to be used in this planning effort. Public comments will be accepted until February 11, 2010.

Mail comments to: BLM, Rudio Highlands Environmental Assessment, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, OR 97754 **Email comments to:** OR_Rudio_Highlands_EA@blm.gov

Fax comments to: (541) 416-6798

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