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## BURNS INTERAGENCY OFFERS ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

**HINES, Oregon** – The Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) has scheduled the annual Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration/Act (OSHA) Fire Training, Annual Fire Refresher, and Fire Shelter Deployment Refresher courses for emergency equipment operators. The classes are all encompassed under a new name this year – Incident Blanket Purchase Agreement (IBPA) training – and are targeted for IBPA equipment operators and fallers.

The training will be offered one day only, on Saturday, March 13 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office at 28910 Hwy 20 West in Hines. Annual Fire Shelter Deployment and Fire Refresher courses are mandatory for all people who might go to the fire line, regardless if they have previously completed the course. Any individual who plans on providing services under an IBPA, such as dozers, or who may be hired on an emergency basis, such as fallers or truck drivers, must attend the March 13 session to meet the requirements for the 2010 fire season. Completion of the course provides certification for a 1-year period.

Those interested in attending should call the Burns Interagency Communication Center (BICC) at (541) 573-4545 as soon as possible to sign up. Participation is limited to the first 60 people. The Fire Refresher and Fire Shelter training will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, while the Oregon OSHA training, which is required for any individual who plans on working in the woods, will follow from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you have proof that you have already taken the Oregon OSHA Fire Training, it is not necessary to repeat it at this time. All classes are provided at no cost.

The annual refresher training is not intended for contractor employees or those employed by businesses engaged in the Region 6 Engine and Tender Contract, Oregon Department of Forestry Crew Contract or National Engine and Crew Contracts.

For more on the BIFZ annual training, or to sign-up, contact the BICC at (541) 573-4545.

