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Controlled Burns to Start in Klamath and Lake Counties

Lakeview, Ore. – The arrival of spring means it’s time once again for the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Lakeview District to initiate controlled burning.

Burning is scheduled to occur on approximately 950 acres of BLM-managed land in Klamath County. This includes pile burning south of Bonanza, and under-story and pile burning in the Klamath River Canyon. Another 2,800 acres of pile burning is planned in Lake County near Snyder Creek, Twelve Mile Creek and Fifteen Mile Creek. Additional debris piles will be burned across the Lakeview District throughout the spring as the weather allows.

The objective of these burns is the reduction of hazardous fuels to decrease the threat of wildfire and improve wildlife habitat. All burning will take place when the moisture content of forest and rangeland fuels reach appropriate levels for firefighters to achieve the desired objective, while minimizing risk. Smoke may be visible from surrounding communities, but is expected to disperse from the fires fairly quickly.

Fire crews from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and State of Oregon’s Department of Forestry will assist the BLM with burn activities.

“Controlled burning is a tool used by the BLM to achieve multiple benefits,” said Carol Benkosky, BLM Lakeview District Manager. “The reduction of overgrown vegetation helps maintain and restore fire-dependent ecosystems, reduces the risk of wildfire, and promotes the safety of firefighters and the general public.”

For more information about these controlled burns, please call the BLM at (541) 947-2177. Additional information is also available on the internet at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/lakeview/index.php#>

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface 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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