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THE FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST AND BLM'S LAKEVIEW DISTRICT BEGIN PRESCRIBED BURNING

Lakeview, Ore. – Fire Managers for the Fremont-Winema National Forest and Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lakeview District are taking advantage of late winter and early spring weather conditions to start several prescribed burn projects. This is an ongoing effort to reduce the potential of catastrophic wildfires and improve ecosystem health.

"Fire plays a key role in maintaining the biological diversity of our forests and rangelands," said Barry Shullanberger, Interagency Fuels Specialist for the Fremont-Winema National Forest and BLM's Lakeview District. "We will be using controlled burns throughout the next few months to restore the natural and positive effects of fire in select areas."

Prescribed burns are a proactive tool used to achieve a number of objectives including the reduction of hazardous fuels (overgrown vegetation). Prescribed burns can help reduce the threat of wildfire, reduce the risk of insect and disease outbreak, recycle nutrients that increase soil productivity and improve wildlife habitat.

The actual days of ignition for these burn projects will depend on several factors including appropriate humidity levels, wind speed and direction, temperature and fuel moisture. Burns will only occur on days when the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Smoke Management Office indicates suitable weather conditions exist for smoke dispersal. "Fire managers will conduct burns only if all conditions allow for safe and successful burning operations," said Shullanberger.

The Fremont-Winema National Forest and BLM's Lakeview District work in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, ODF and adjacent landowners to reduce fire hazards on public lands.

Possible burn locations include the following:

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FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST

- **Bly Ranger District**
Approximately 3,000 acres of prescribed burning is planned for the Mortar/Coyote project area located 10 miles east of Bonanza in the Goodlow Mountain area. An additional 500 acres are scheduled to be burned within the Bly Ridge Wildland Urban Interface project area, which is a half mile west of the Pinecrest subdivision located northwest of Bly. Fire managers are also preparing to burn 100 acres in the Vista project area located 16 miles southeast of Bly along Highway 140. For additional information, please contact the Bly Ranger District at 541-353-2427.
- **Chemult Ranger District**
Approximately 1,000 acres of prescribed burning is planned for the Raptor project area located about 20 miles southwest of Chemult along the eastern boundary of Crater Lake National Park. For additional information, please contact the Chemult Ranger District at 541-365-7001.
- **Chiloquin Ranger District**
Approximately 500 acres of prescribed burning is planned in the Yosshouse project area located 10 miles north of the Williamson River Highway. For additional information, please contact the Chiloquin Ranger District at 541-783-4001.
- **Lakeview Ranger District**
Approximately 2,000 acres of prescribed burning is planned adjacent to Strawberry Reservoir located about 25 miles southwest of Lakeview. For additional information, please contact the Lakeview Ranger District at 541-947-3334.

LAKEVIEW DISTRICT BLM

- **Klamath Falls Resource Area**
Approximately 2,500 acres of prescribed burning is planned throughout the Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA) primarily for juniper slash generated from fuels reduction treatments. This includes the 1,000 acre West Boundary machine-pile burn located one mile east of Gerber Reservoir, the 500 acre Horton Rim machine-pile burn located roughly two miles northeast of the intersection of Highway 140 East and South Poe Valley Road, and 100 acres of hand-pile burning in the Klamath River Canyon. Additional pile burns 15 to 200 acres in size are planned this spring across the Resource Area. For more information, please contact the KFRA at (541) 883-6916.
- **Lakeview Resource Area**
Approximately 2,000 acres of prescribed burning is planned for lopped juniper within the Snyder Creek juniper reduction project located about 10 miles

northwest of Plush. An additional 1,000 acres of prescribed burning is planned for lopped juniper within the Bridge Creek project area located five miles southwest of Silver Lake, and 300 acres within the Colvin Timbers under-story burn project located approximately 20 miles northeast of Lakeview on Abert Rim. For additional information, please contact the Lakeview Resource Area at 541-947-2177.

Please do not call 911 about burning in the areas referred to above. Local law enforcement is aware of these burning activities. For recorded fire information, please call the Klamath Falls Interagency Fire Center at 541-883-6831 or the Lakeview Interagency Fire Center at 541-947-6259.

Additional information may also be found at the following Web sites:

Lakeview Interagency Fire Center
<http://www.scofmp.org/lifc.shtml>

Klamath Falls Interagency Fire Center
<http://scofmp.org/kfifc/kfifc.shtml>

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