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Lakeview BLM releases Weed Management EA

Lakeview, Ore. – Today the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lakeview District Office is announcing the release of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to analyze the potential effects of updating its existing District-wide noxious weed management program. The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period, ending on September 5, 2014.

The EA contemplates shifting the program's herbicide use to generally newer, more target-specific and environmentally friendly herbicides, and allowing those herbicides to be used on non-native invasive plants (particularly cheatgrass), not just noxious weeds.

While the Proposed Action was made possible by the availability of newer herbicides, the EA/FONSI examines the full range of herbicide and non-herbicide invasive plant treatment methods applied in an integrated management approach. The BLM Lakeview District's existing 2004 noxious weed management program would be expanded by increasing the number of herbicides available from 4 to 14, and allowing those herbicides to be used on non-native invasive plants, not just the more restrictive State-listed noxious weeds. The new herbicides were analyzed in a State-wide Environmental Impact Statement in 2010.

Comments on the proposal can be submitted by email to: blm_or_invasive_plant_ea_comments@blm.gov or in writing to:

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1301 South G Street
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The documents are available on the BLM's website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/lakeview/plans

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