

Klamath Falls Resource Area Planning Update Spring 2010

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Planning Update General Information – This Planning Update provides information about activities proposed on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area (KFRA). The table included provides the location and brief description of most activities proposed within the Resource Area. (Refer to the map following the table.) Additional information can be obtained from the contact person listed in the project descriptions or the Resource Area Planner. As certain projects reach stages for public involvement, news releases and public notices may be published in the local Klamath Falls newspaper, *The Herald and News*.

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan Update – Since June 1995 the Klamath Falls Resource Area has been managing most lands under the direction of the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP). In addition, acquired lands at the Wood River Wetland have been managed under the Klamath Falls Resource Area Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (Wood River RMP) since February 1996.

In December 2008, the BLM issued six Records of Decision (RODs) for the Resource Management Plans (RMPs) that were developed under the Western Oregon Plan Revisions. On July 16, 2009 the U.S. Department of the Interior, withdrew the Records of Decision (2008 RODs) for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions and directed the BLM to implement actions in conformance with the resource management plans for western Oregon that were in place prior to December 30, 2008. These Planning Updates will continue to identify projects being considered for implementation that are designed to comply with the land use allocations, management direction, and objectives of the 1995 and 1996 RMPs.

The Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA RMP), approved June 1995, provides direction on plan maintenance: *“Potential minor changes, refinements or clarifications in the plan may take the form of maintenance actions. ... Such maintenance is limited to further refining or documenting a previously approved decision incorporated in the plan. ... Maintenance actions are not considered a plan amendment and do not require the formal public involvement and interagency coordination process undertaken for plan amendments. Plan maintenance will be documented in the annual district Planning Process Report or its equivalent.”* Proposed plan maintenance relevant to a proposal to expand the facilities at the Yainax Communication Site is included in this quarterly Project Update.

If you have any questions on this update or recommendations for improvement, please notify us in person or call (541) 883-6916. The information contained in this Planning Update is also available on our website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/lakeview/plans/>. In order to reduce printing costs, please contact us if you wish to be removed from the mailing list.

Sincerely,

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Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (1995 RMP) Planning Maintenance

Communication Sites

The Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS), approved September 1994, included a statement in the direction for the Proposed Resource Management Plan to, “Allow expansion of communication facilities on existing communication sites” (RMP/EIS p.2-63).

The current direction for communication sites in the KFRA RMP includes direction under the Headings, “Rights-of-way”, and “Land Use Allocations” that reads:
“Communication facilities will be allowed on existing communication sites, also shown on Map 12” (KFRA RMP p. 66).

The RMP references Map 12, but fails to reference “Table 15. Communication Sites”. Text should be added to page 66 of the RMP following the third paragraph as follows in *italics*:

“Communication facilities will be allowed on existing communication sites, also shown on Map 12 and listed in Table 15. This table lists existing uses (under “Site Type”) at designated Communication Sites and identifies current “BLM Restrictions” for those sites that may inhibit development unless alternate methods are used.”

Within Table 15 for the Stukel Mountain site, the spelling of the word “poer” should be corrected to read: *“Must be FAA and low power radio compatible.”*

| SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PROJECTS | | | | | | |
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| PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | MAP REF. # | STATUS OF ANALYSIS | ANALYSIS COMPLETION | PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION | CONTACT |
| CX = Categorical Exclusion, DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy, EA = Environmental Assessment, EIS = Environmental Impact Statement, DR = Decision Record | | | | | | |
| Timber Management – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Adobe West Timber Sale DR to the South Gerber Forest Health Treatments EA (#OR-014-04-06) | T41S, R14½E, Sections 16, 21, 22 | #10 | DR in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | Shane Durant |
| Gerber Stew Stewardship Contract – Recent Decisions | | | | | | |
| 2009 Juniper Disposal DR – The decision authorizes, by individual unit, specific treatments to dispose of previously cut juniper on a total of approximately 3,000 acres. | Various locations | None | DR signed | 2/5/10 | FY 2010 | Madeline Campbell |
| Management Facilities – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Mainhaul Rock Quarry – development of a new gravel pit in the South Gerber area | T40S, R14½E, Sec.13 | #14 | EA completed | 2/19/10 | FY 2010 | Brian McCarty |
| Management Facilities – Recent Decision | | | | | | |
| Mainhaul Rock Quarry DR – decision to develop a new gravel pit in the South Gerber area | T40S, R14½E, Sec.13 | #14 | DR signed | 3/12/10 | FY 2010 | Brian McCarty |
| Range Management – New Projects | | | | | | |
| North Horsefly Allotment Fence | North Horsefly Allotment | #27 | EA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Klamath Falls Resource Area Pesticide Use Proposal | Resource Area Wide | None | DNA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Molly Boyter |
| Range Management – Recent Decisions | | | | | | |
| Harbold Chaining Cattleguard | T39S,R11E, Sec.21, SW1/4 | #18 | CX completed | 3/8/10 | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Bly Mountain Fuels Reduction and Range Improvement | Bly Mountain | #27 | EA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2009 | Matt Broyles |
| Prescribed Burning and Fuels Treatment – Recent Decisions | | | | | | |
| Horsecamp Rim Juniper Woodland Treatment DR to the South Gerber Forest Health Treatments EA (#OR-014-04-06) | Horsecamp Rim | #10 | DR signed | 1/15/10 | FY 2010 | Eric Johnson |
| Recreation – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Swan Lake Rim Trail Construction | Swan Lake Rim | #7 | EA in progress | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | Grant Weidenbach |
| Lands/Realty – New Projects | | | | | | |
| New Cingular Cellular Tower Site | T. 39S., R11 E., Section 19 | #3 | EA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Don Hoffheins |
| Yainax Butte Communication Site EA | T.37S., R.13E., Sec. 26 | #13 | EA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Don Hoffheins |

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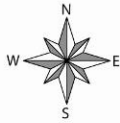
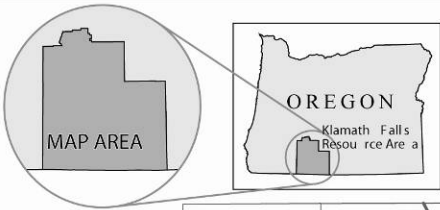
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| Hydrology/Fisheries – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Wood River Canal Water Control Structure – Oregon spotted frog habitat enhancement | Wood River Wetland | #8 | CX in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Rob Roninger |
| Wildlife – New Projects | | | | | | |
| Stukel Mountain Road Closure Gates | Stukel Mountain | #16 | EA completed | 3/12/10 | FY 2010 | Matt Broyles |
| Southwest Gerber Habitat Restoration – Analysis of proposed vegetation treatments on over 10,000 acres of juniper woodland. | Gerber Block | #15 | EA in progress | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | Steve Hayner |
| Interdisciplinary – Landscape Level Analysis | | | | | | |
| Wildgal-Dixie Landscape Analysis – Analysis of several proposed treatments (roads, vegetation, prescribed burning, etc.). | Southwest corner of the Resource Area | #11 | Initial scoping complete. EA in progress | FY 2010 | 2010-2015 | Shawna Dao |
| Spencer Creek Landscape Analysis – Analysis of several proposed treatments (roads, vegetation, prescribed burning, etc.). | Spencer Creek 5 th Field Watershed | #9 | Initial scoping complete. EA in progress | FY 2010 | 2010-2015 | Eric Johnson |
| Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Route Designation | Resource Area Wide | None | Inventory completed. EA in progress | FY 2012 | FY 2012 | Scott Senter |





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| Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – in progress | | | | | | |
| These assessments compare the monitoring information collected against the five Standards for Rangeland Health and propose management changes if current grazing use is not meeting the Standards, or not making significant improvement towards meeting them. Changes are implemented through the grazing decision or agreement process. | | | | | | |
| Ketcham Allotment (#0835) | East of Klamath Falls | #5 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Windy Ridge Allotment (#0838) | East of Klamath Falls | #5 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Barnwell Allotment (#0807) | East of Klamath Falls | #2 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Horton Allotment (#0829) | East of Klamath Falls | #4 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Marshall Allotment (#0841) | East of Klamath Falls | #1 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |
| Bryant-Lyon Allotment (#0840) | East of Malin | #17 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2011 | Dana Eckard |
| Rajnus Bros. Allotment (#0849) | Southeast of Klamath Falls | #29 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2011 | Dana Eckard |
| Wilkinson Allotment (#0850) | East of Klamath Falls | #3 | None Known | Assessment in progress | FY 2012 | Dana Eckard |
| Rangeland Health Standards Assessments – completed in FY 2010 | | | | | | |
| 7C Allotment (#853) | Northeast of Bly | #12 | None Known | Assessment completed | FY 2010 | Dana Eckard |

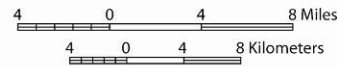
| ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH | | | | |
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| Yearly Scheduled Events - 2010 | | | | |
| Event/Activity | Date | Location | Contact(s) | # of Participants (Employees/Public*) |
| Wilderness & Horse Packing Clinic | April 30-May 2 | Klamath County Fairgrounds | Scott Senter | |
| International Migratory Bird Day | May 8 | Veteran's Memorial Park | Steve Hayner | |
| RAP Camp | June 21-25 | Camp Esther Applegate | Scott Senter | |
| Klamath County Fair | August 5-8 | Klamath County Fairgrounds | Scott Senter | |
| Sixth Grade Forestry Tour | September 21-23 | Clover Creek Educational Area | Sarah Diehr | |
| National Public Lands Day | September 25 | Topsy Campground | Scott Senter | |

*Numbers of public participants for large events are estimates.



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-  Project Location
-  U.S. Highway
-  State Highway
-  BLM Administered Land



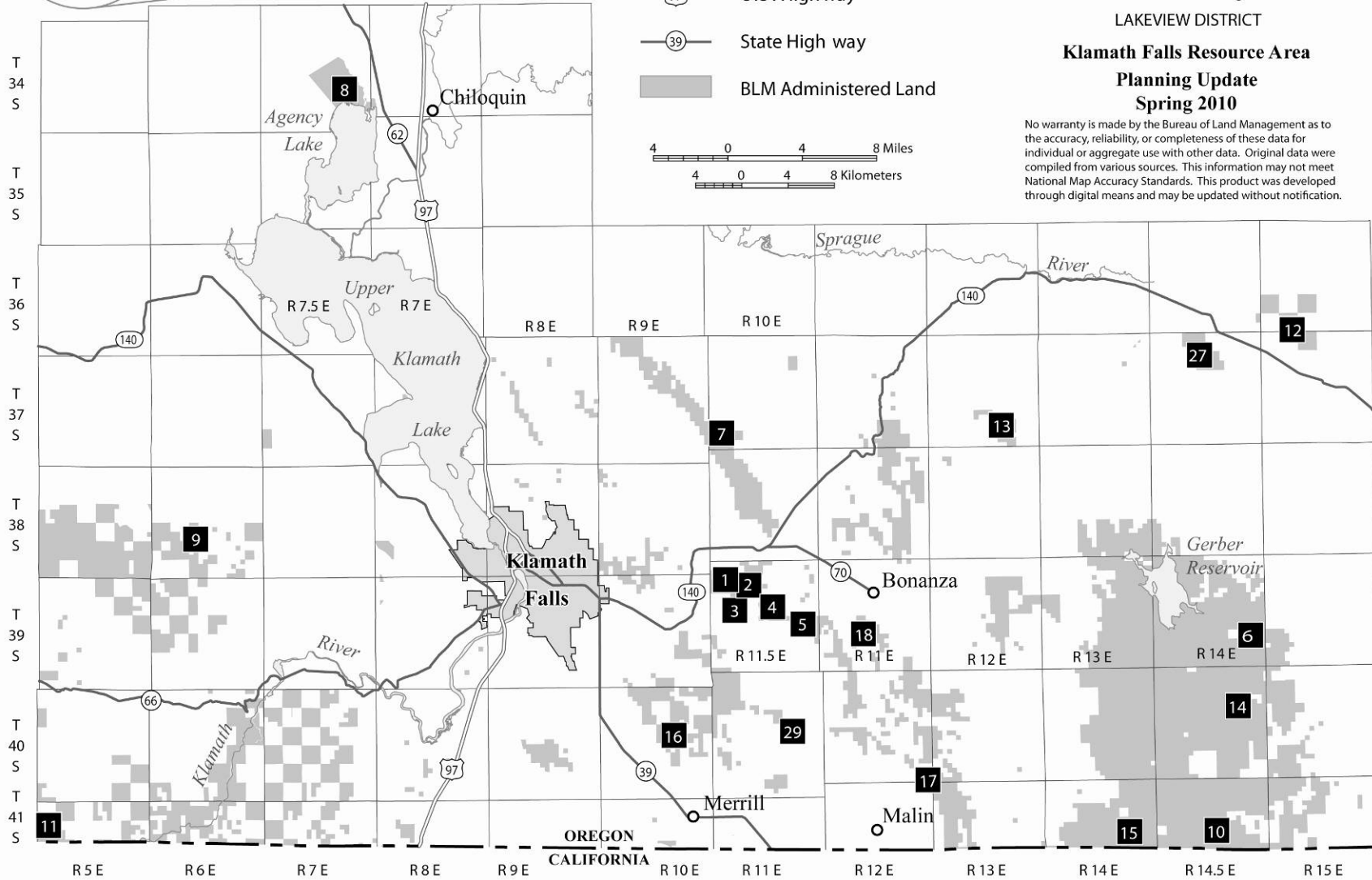
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