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## Cline Buttes Project Aims to Reduce Wildfire Risk

**Prineville, Ore.** – The Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will soon begin work 6.5 miles west of Redmond, Oregon, on a vegetation management project aimed at reducing wildfire risk in the area. The BLM project is guided by direction in the Cline Buttes Recreation Area Plan and Environmental Assessment and consistent with the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (2005).

The BLM is prepared to treat approximately 1,300 acres in the general vicinity of Eagle Crest Resort (Township 15 South, Range 12 East, sections 9, 17, 15, 21 and 22). The main goal is to increase public safety by reducing the threat of large-scale wildfires while improving the ecological condition of the shrub-steppe and old growth juniper plant communities. These treatments will consist of thinning young juniper trees. After thinning, the area may be opened to firewood cutting of the fallen juniper. Finally, the remaining slash may be piled and burned in a portion of the treated area.

A public informational meeting about this project is planned for:

**Monday, June 27 at 5 p.m.**  
**Eagle Crest Conference Center**  
**1590 Mountain Quail Drive**  
**Redmond, OR 97756**

For information on project maps or description, contact Guy Chamness at telephone: 541-416-6719 or email: [gchamnes@blm.gov](mailto:gchamnes@blm.gov) or visit the District website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/fire/cline.php>

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