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Interagency Wildland Fire Pre-Season Open Houses Scheduled

MITCHELL/PRINEVILLE – For those who are curious about wildland fire management and want to better understand how local agencies work together to manage wildland fire on federal lands while also providing protection for private land and property, you are invited to attend a pre-season open house that will explain this, and more.

Central Oregon Fire Management Services (COFMS), which includes the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, is offering the general public two opportunities to visit with senior leadership and fire managers to learn about a variety of fire management topics, including fire prevention and readiness, detection, suppression, aviation resources, fuels management, lessons learned from the Bridge Creek Fire, protection of state and private lands, creating defensible space, rangeland protection associations and wildland fire policy.

Both of the scheduled open houses, hosted in the town of Mitchell and the City of Prineville, will offer short presentations, visual displays, and opportunities to visit with local managers and ask questions about the fire program.

The open houses are informal gatherings designed to enhance information sharing with local communities while providing current knowledge about wildland fire management and interagency teamwork.

Open House Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, June 22, 2009	Mitchell Community Hall Mitchell, OR	6:30 p.m
Thursday, June 25, 2009	Ochoco National Forest Supervisor's Office 3160 NE 3rd St Prineville, OR	6:00 p.m.