

# U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

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## Introduction

This *Planning Update* is part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) continuing commitment to keep you informed of the management of the public lands in south central Oregon. It is our hope that this annual update will help you understand land management decisions and proposals involving the BLM's Lakeview Resource Area of the Lakeview District. This document is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather a summary of current land use plan maintenance and implementation activities for the following land use plans: the *Warner Lakes Management Framework Plan* and the *High Desert Management Framework Plan* (as amended). Any comments regarding the format or content of the document should be sent to the attention of: Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the address listed above.

## Address Change

Due to recent route re-numbering by the U.S. Postal Service, the Lakeview District Office street and mailing addresses have changed (see above). We are still located in the same office building with the Fremont National Forest Supervisor's Office. The main switchboard phone number is still 541-947-2177.

## What You Can Find In This Document

Planning Updates like this one are published periodically, usually on an annual basis. While a flexible format will be maintained, major sections similar to those described below will be included in each edition.

**Feature Report:** Reports in this section highlight high profile projects or planning efforts in the Lakeview Resource Area.

**Summary of Plan Implementation:** This section summarizes the work completed recently by resource program.

**Environmental Assessment Register:** Listed in this section are those environmental assessments (EA's) started or expected to be completed in FY2002. This section is included to improve public participation opportunities in the project planning/NEPA process.

## Feature Reports

### Introduction

The Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management encompasses approximately 3.5 million acres in southeastern Oregon (Figure 1). The district is divided into two administrative units called resource areas: Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas. The two resource areas differ in the major types of management activities that occur due to the differences in the types of natural resource values present. A summary of management activities for the Klamath Falls Resource Area is published as a separate document. A summary of management activities for the Lakeview Resource Area is contained in this document.

The Lakeview Resource Area consists of approximately 3.2 million acres of BLM-administered land in Lake and Harney counties (Figure 2) which were formerly known as the Warner Lakes and High Desert (and a small portion of the Lost River) Resource Areas.

The sections that follow contain feature stories on management proposals currently being considered. ***Anyone interested in being placed on our mailing list for a specific project or being removed from our mailing list should fill out and send the mailing list update form included at the end of this document.***

### Land Use Planning

Current management direction for the Lakeview Resource Area is outlined in the *Warner Lakes and High Desert Management Framework Plans* (MFPs), as amended, the *Lakeview Grazing Management Final Environmental Impact Statement*, and *Record of Decision*. All management actions proposed within the resource area must conform to the direction specified in the applicable land use plans. To date, three plan amendments have been completed to address issues not covered by the

existing land use plans. The *Warner Lakes MFP* was amended in 1989 to officially designate the Warner Wetlands area as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and outline special management direction. The *High Desert MFP* was amended in 1996 to officially designate the Lake Abert area as an ACEC and outline special management direction.

The *Warner Lakes MFP* was amended in 1998 to transfer jurisdiction (management authority) of lands between the Lakeview Resource Area and the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. This resulted in boundary and management changes on lands adjacent to the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.

### Plan Maintenance Actions

43 Code of Regulations Part 1610.5-4 states that "resource management plans and supporting components shall be maintained as necessary to reflect minor changes in data" or to refine "a previously approved decision". Plan maintenance does not require formal public involvement, interagency coordination, or preparation of a NEPA document, but it must be documented as part of the planning record. The following section is intended to serve as a public record of recent plan maintenance actions.

***Rangeland Management:*** minor adjustments have been made over time in the implementation of the rangeland management program. These adjustments are periodically reported in the form of *Rangeland Program Summary Updates*. This has been done as separate mailers prior to 1993. Since 1993, they have been published as part of this annual planning update document. The complete *Rangeland Program Update* was last published as part of the 1997 *Planning Update*. Changes to rangeland management program are currently being considered in the Lakeview Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) discussed later in this section.

**Road, Recreation, Range, and Other Facility  
Maintenance Actions:** the day-to-day, routine  
maintenance of road, recreation, and range  
improvement facilities are considered to be

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actions that are in conformance with existing land use plans, as amended. These types of activities may include, but are not limited to: road grading, road surface replacement, culvert replacement, ditch cleaning, bridge repair, trail maintenance, sign replacement, recreational facility repairs, and maintenance of existing wells, spring developments, pipelines, water troughs, dams, allotment/pasture fences, riparian enclosure fences, wildlife guzzlers, fish structures, and similar structures. Some of the maintenance responsibilities for these structures may be conducted by livestock permittee or cooperating agencies under cooperative agreements.

These types of activities are considered to have minor environmental effects and are typically categorically excluded from the preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents. The amount and type of maintenance performed varies from year-to-year and is conducted on an as-needed basis. Currently, the Lakeview Resource Area (and/or its cooperators) maintain approximately 2500 miles of roads, 11 recreational facilities, 400 miles of fence, 8 spring developments, 43 miles of pipelines, 23 wells, 45 reservoirs, 76 water holes, and 28 wildlife guzzlers.

***Ecological Site Inventory:*** an Ecological Site Inventory (ESI) has been on-going within the Lakeview Resource Area for about 18 years and will conclude in Fiscal Year (FY) 2002. This inventory, performed in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), gathers information about soil and vegetation conditions. The BLM has the lead responsibility for collecting data on BLM-administered lands while the NRCS is responsible for private and some Forest Service lands within Lake and Harney Counties.

The NRCS recently published the soil data in paper form for the southern third of Lake County (officially referred to as the "South Lake County Survey"). Mapping for Harney County, though complete, has not been published to date. Copies of the soil maps/reports are available at local NRCS Offices.

The NRCS has also completed the digitizing of the southern Lake County soil survey data for use in a geographic information system (GIS). This data is available from their website. The Burns District has recently completed digitizing the soil data for all of Harney County. Approximately 211,518 acres were inventoried in FY2000. Approximately 70,000 acres were inventoried in FY2001. The remaining acreage (approximately 30,000 acres) will be completed in FY2002. Soil, vegetation, range condition, and sample site location data for northern Lake County are in the process of being input into the GIS.

The results of this inventory work are incorporated into the land use planning supporting record through the process of plan maintenance. This data will also be used for future project planning and in the Lakeview Resource Management Plan discussed in the next section. For more information on this effort, contact Paul Whitman at 541-947-6110.

#### **Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP)**

The BLM is required to monitor and evaluate existing land use plans at "appropriate intervals and standards" (43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1610.4-9) as established by the District Manager. The appropriate interval for the *Warner Lakes and High Desert Management Framework Plans*, and *Lakeview Grazing Management Final Environmental Impact Statement* was set at five years. The evaluation process is intended to identify potential issues or new information that may require the initiation of the plan amendment or revision process. These plans were formally evaluated in 1986, 1991, and most recently in 1997. The results of this recent plan evaluation are available upon request.

The Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project and the Rangeland Standards and Guidelines attempt to address many of the current or emerging management issues on the Lakeview Resource Area. However, they do not address all of the current management issues within the resource area. One of the main findings of the evaluation is the need to address Wild and Scenic River eligibility, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC),

Research Natural Areas (RNAs), significant caves, additions to Wilderness Study Areas, off-highway vehicle use, and visual resources in a future Resource Management Plan (RMP) .

The resource area initiated a new, comprehensive RMP in 1999 with public, government agency, and tribal scoping. The resource area staff continued to collect information which resulted in completing two Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and one Wild and Scenic River evaluation report. These evaluations are available upon request.

In the summer of 2000, the *Summary of the Analysis of the Management Situation for the Lakeview Resource Area Resource Management Plan (AMS)* document was published and made available for public review. This document: 1) summarizes existing management direction from existing land use plans, 2) assesses current resource conditions, and 3) identifies opportunities for better resource management. It also incorporates the ICBEMP requirement to conduct a Sub-Basin Review. The Sub-Basin Review process is intended to be a highly collaborative, multi-agency, mid-scale analysis of resource conditions at a sub-basin scale.

Five major issues were identified during the scoping and Sub-Basin Review process which were used to drive the development of the Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The Draft RMP/EIS was published and made available for 90-day public review in November 2001. Copies are available in hard copy or electronic formats on CD-ROM. To provide comments or request further information on this effort contact Dwayne Sykes, RMP Team Leader, at 541-947-6148. A series of public meetings, local government briefings, tribal consultation meetings, and other presentations were conducted between December 2001 and January 2002. The comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS closed on January 31, 2002, though late comments are expected to be accepted through March 1, 2002.

The tentative schedule for the remainder of the planning process is as follows:

**February-March** - Respond to comments and prepare Proposed RMP and Final EIS.

**April** - State Office review of Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

**May** - Prepare Proposed RMP and Final EIS for printing.

**June** - Print document and file with U.S. EPA; mail document to public and begin 30-day protest period.

**September** - Resolve protests.

**October/November** - Issue the Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved RMP (Final Decision).

# Plan Implementation Summary

## Introduction

This section provides a general overview of the Lakeview Resource Area's natural resource management programs. General program descriptions are followed by a list of the major accomplishments for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001. Work currently in the planning stage is described in the 2001-2002 Environmental Assessment Register section of this document.

## Botanical Resource Management

The botany program ensures that native plants and their habitats, including special status species, are protected in the operation of the BLM's multiple use programs. This is achieved by conducting plant surveys, including site-specific project clearance surveys for sensitive/cultural plants, monitoring population trends of sensitive species, and developing and implementing habitat management plans.

Staff also participate in a variety of public outreach/ education programs such as "Celebrate Wild Flowers", Resources and People (RAP) camp, state/county fair exhibits, professional conference presentations, and botany field trips. For further information on this program contact Lucile Housley at 541-947-6131.

\* All sensitive plant sites have been located with global positioning system technology (GPS) and have been monitored. This included:

- 1) Monitoring existing Conservation Agreement areas for *Eriogonum cusicki* (Cusick's buckwheat), *Rorippa columbiana*, and *Cymopterus nivalis* (snowline cymopterus) for conflicts with off-highway vehicle use and plant community dynamics.
- 2) Monitoring and writing Conservation Agreements for *Ivesia rhypara rhypara* (grimy ivesia) and *Eriogonum crosbyae* (Crosby's buckwheat) sites.

3) Monitoring and correcting erosion problems at *Gratiola heterosepala* (Boggs Lake hedge-hysop) sites.

4) Setting up monitoring techniques to evaluate grazing impacts on *Eriogonum prociduum* (prostrate buckwheat) in a recently created study enclosure in the Elk Butte area and monitoring other locations of this species.

5) Monitoring and mapping of *Sesuvium verrucosum* (verrucose sea-purslane) in the Warner Wetlands ACEC.

6) Monitoring two known sites of *Symphoricarpos longiflorus* (long-flowered snowflower) and *Pedicularis centranthera* (dwarf lousewort).

7) Photographing and mapping one disjunct population of *Opuntia fragilis*.

\* Continued monitoring of recent prescribed/wild fire areas.

\* Conducted consultation with and training classes for Native American tribes concerning culturally important plants and the effects of fire on these plants.

\* Continued an inventory of cryptobiotic crusts.

\* Continued a study of plant dynamics and tree classes within the Lost Forest RNA.

\* In FY2001, a dune morphology study of the Sand Dunes/Fossil Lake/Lost Forest ACEC was completed by the Desert Research Institute of Reno, Nevada.

\* Worked with an Oregon State University Researcher on *Mimulus latidens* (broad-toothed monkeyflower), *M. evanescens* as (disappearing monkeyflower), *M. tricolor* (three color monkeyflower), and *M. pulisiferae* as a challenge cost share project.

\* Initiated a *Carex* (sedge) inventory of the

Lakeview District as a challenge cost-share

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project with the Carex Working Group.

\* Developed predominantly native seed mixes for use in site rehabilitation work and erosion control for such projects as mine land and gravel pit, road/ power line rights-of-way, and wildfire site rehabilitation.

\* Assisted with woodrat midden analysis from the Beaty Butte area.

\* Assisted with recording and digitizing Lake County vascular plant sites for the "Atlas Project" at Oregon State University as part of an effort to produce a complete the *Flora of Oregon*.

## Noxious Weed Management

The encroachment of noxious weeds across the resource area is reducing resource values of native plant communities and adjacent agricultural crop lands, rendering habitats unusable by some wildlife, decreasing property values, reducing biological diversity, and increasing the economic burden to maintain recreation and wilderness areas. Over the last several years, the noxious weed management program has been more assertive in inventory, management, and coordination of treatment with other agencies and adjacent landowners. More information on the noxious weed management program can be obtained by contacting Erin McConnell at 541-947-6133.

\* In FY2000, about 150,000 acres were inventoried for noxious weeds. About 800 acres in Lake and Harney Counties were treated under contract with chemical/mechanical methods. Another 160 acres were evaluated for future weed treatments.

\* In FY2001, about 150,000 acres were inventoried for weeds. About 500 acres were treated and an additional 500 acres were evaluated for future treatment.

\* Continued to develop partnerships and support of the Warner Basin Working Group as part of a cooperative effort to develop the Warner Basin Weed Management Area Plan with private

landowners, other Federal agencies, state, and county governments.

## Cultural/Paleontological Resource Management

The cultural and paleontological programs identify, plan the appropriate use of, and manage cultural and paleontological resources on public land. These programs must comply with federal and state law governing preservation, as well as the principles of multiple use. The programs strive to protect these resources for scientific, educational, and research purposes, both for now and the future.

In addition to routine project clearances conducted prior to ground disturbing activities, the Lakeview Resource Area has used as many as five archaeological field school programs in a given year to collect resource data for a project area. This provides field research experience to college students while substantially reducing data collection costs to the government, associated with complying with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act.

The University of Nevada (Reno), University of Oregon (Eugene), and South Dakota School of Mines all conducted field schools in the resource area in FY2000 and 2001 which emphasized research and cultural clearance work in the Beaty Butte allotment, Fossil Lake/ Sand Dunes ACEC, proposed Connley Hills and High Lakes ACEC's, and other portions of the resource area.

\* The University of Oregon completed a geomorphology study in two locations in FY2000; one north of Paulina Marsh and the other south of Devils Garden ACEC/WSA.

\* At the Shirk Ranch, a condition assessment of the historical structures is currently underway and should be completed in early 2002.

\* Proposed projects are also routinely coordinated with tribal governments including the Klamath Tribes, Ft. Bidwell Paiute Tribe, Burns Paiute Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, to try to ensure that

tribal interests are not impacted. Over the past several years, consultation has occurred regarding the existence and management of culturally important plant species.

For further information contact Bill Cannon at 541-947-6111.

## **Forest Management**

Approximately 15,000 acres of ponderosa pine transitional forest exists in the Lakeview Resource Area. It serves as a transitional zone between the more heavily forested Fremont and Deschutes National Forests to the west and the shrubland/high desert habitats that comprise the majority of the resource area lands. In addition, several hundred thousand acres of juniper woodlands occur on the Lakeview Resource Area. None of these lands are classified as commercial forest land. The forestry/woodland program focuses mainly on making special forest products available to the public on an as-needed basis.

Numerous permits were issued in FY2000 and 2001 for firewood, boughs, posts, and poles, primarily from juniper woodlands. Firewood permits constitute the majority of all permits issued. Timber trespasses (illegal timber cutting) occasionally happen and are investigated whenever they occur. Further information concerning the forest management program can be obtained by contacting Ken Tillman at 541-947-6112.

## **Fire Management**

The BLM's fire management includes: suppressing wild fires, rehabilitating areas burned by wildfire, and conducting prescribed burns to reduce fuel buildup and benefit wildlife habitat, range conditions, and other resources.

### **Wildfire and Rehabilitation**

In FY2000 and 2001, approximately 117,920

acres of wildfires occurred on a mosaic of BLM, state, and private lands which were actively suppressed.

\* Three major wildfires occurred in FY2000: Beaty Butte totaling about 15,158 acres (an additional 19,842 acres burned in the Burns District), lightning caused; Abert totaling about 10,800 acres, human caused; and Luginut totaling about 1700 acres, lightning caused.

\* In FY2000, fire rehabilitation work on the Crump Fire was completed. This consisted of drill seeding 195 acres and broadcast seeding 161 acres.

\* In FY2000, portions of the Beaty Butte fire area were rehabilitated. This included 2,025 acres of drill seeding and 450 acres of aerial seeded drainages. Rehabilitation efforts for the Beaty Butte wildfire were coordinated with the Burns District. Thirty-two sediment traps were installed along drainages using weed-free straw. Weed inventory and control were incorporated into the plan.

The burn area was rested during the growing season in 2001 and is planned to be rested for the 2002 growing season.

\* In FY2001, three major wildfires occurred: Big Juniper totaling about 82,567 acres, lightning caused; Jump totaling 2,327 acres, lightning caused; and Mustang totaling about 5,365 acres, lightning caused.

\* In FY2001, work began implementing the fire rehabilitation plan for the Abert fire. This plan includes constructing 3.5 miles of fence, rest from livestock grazing, and noxious weed inventory and treatment. To date, all but the weed treatment have been completed. This will occur in FY2002.

\* In early FY2002, the BLM completed the planning and began implementing the Juniper Complex fire rehabilitation project. This includes reseeding approximately 6,700 acres of native/non-native grasses, shrubs, and forbs, constructing about 40 miles of temporary and

permanent fences, and rest from livestock grazing. Fence construction and seeding is currently underway.

### **Prescribed Fire**

\* Completed a prescribed burn on 1,200 acres in the Warner Wetlands for wildlife habitat improvement in FY2001.

\* In FY2001, the prescribed fire plan for the Long Canyon area was revised. This plan includes re-introducing fire to about 6,900 acres of BLM and private lands to rejuvenate aspen stands, reduce hazardous fuel buildup, and improve watershed function. Burning was completed in several units in the fall of 2001. Additional units may be burned in 2002.

\* Two projects are currently being proposed for hazardous fuel reduction treatments. One is in the Colvin Timbers, within Abert Rim WSA; the other is along the northern border of Devils Garden ACEC/WSA (EA#OR-010-2001-03).

\* Another project is being proposed for hazardous fuel reduction and watershed health, as a joint project with the Fremont National Forest, just south of the town of Paisley (EA#OR-010-2000-03).

Contact Philip Blythe at 541-947-6147 for more information on the fire management program.

### **Hazardous Materials Management**

This program focuses on protecting public health and safety and the environment. A major part of the program involves the site investigation and cleanup of public lands contaminated with hazardous materials in conformance with federal and state laws.

\* In FY2001, the BLM coordinated with the Oregon DEQ on monitoring and public information meetings related to the Alkali Lake chemical waste disposal area, located on State lands adjacent to BLM lands near Alkali Lake. The Oregon DEQ plans to prepare a risk assessment and remedial investigation report by summer

2002. The BLM continues to monitor and maintain enclosure fencing and warning signs in the area for public safety purposes. In addition, the area surrounding the disposal site was used as a military training ground during World War II and contains an unknown quantity of unexploded ordinance. The BLM continues to monitor this area for hazards.

For further information contact Ken Tillman at 541-947-6112.

### **Lands and Realty Management**

This program supports other BLM resource management programs and authorize specific land uses by the public. These actions include land use authorizations (granting easements and rights-of-ways), land sales, land acquisitions, exchanges, and control of unauthorized uses (i.e. trespass violations).

\* In FY2000, two parcels of land totaling about 800 acres were donated to the Lakeview District; one within the Warner Wetlands ACEC and one adjacent to Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge within the Guano Creek WSA, from the Nature Conservancy.

Further information on this program can be obtained by contacting Dan Stewardson at 541-947-6115.

### **Road Management**

This program supports other BLM resource management programs, as well as provides access to public lands. Road management actions include transportation plan development, road maintenance, and both seasonal and emergency road closures. About 150-200 miles of roads are maintained annually (out of about 2,500 miles of existing BLM roads). Refer to the section on "Road, Recreation, and Range, and Other Facility Maintenance Actions" at the beginning of this document for further information on road maintenance activities or contact Jim Platt at 541-947-6118.

## **Geology, Energy, and Mineral Management**

This program focuses mainly on administration of mining claims, mainly for sunstones, perlite, and diatomaceous earth, leasable minerals such as sodium and geothermal resources, and saleable minerals, such as sand and gravel on public lands. Major work in FY2000 and 2001 included processing minor gravel/rock sales, free use permits, etc., conducting mining compliance checks, reviewing proposed mining plans of operation, and mining claim occupancy determinations.

\* Some safety hazards located in abandoned mine land inventories conducted in recent years were abated in FY2000 by backfilling of dangerous open shafts, pits, and trenches on lands mined in the Coyote Hills area around the turn of the century.

\*In FY2001, minor revisions to the Tucker Hill Mine Plan of Operations were reviewed and approved.

\* Also in FY2001, Oil-Dri began discussion with BLM and Oregon State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) on releasing the diatomite mine bond for the reclaimed areas on BLM lands in northern Lake County. Since the lands have been reclaimed, they released some of the bond with BLM's concurrence.

\* In FY2001, the Oregon Department of Transportation began discussions with the BLM related to opening a new borrow source on BLM-administered lands for use in state highway maintenance activities in an area known as Sand Hollow, located east of the Diablo Mountain WSA. Environmental compliance work is underway. The Federal Highway Administration is the NEPA lead and authorizing agency for this proposal.

\* In FY2001, a dune morphology study of the Sand Dunes/Fossil Lake/Lost Forest ACEC was

completed by the Desert Research Institute of Reno, Nevada.

\* The University of Oregon completed a geomorphology study in two locations in FY2000; one north of Paulina Marsh and the other south of Devils Garden ACEC/WSA.

For further information contact Chris Carusona at 541-947-6109 or Ken Tillman at 541-947-6112.

## **Recreation Management**

This program strives to provide quality recreation while protecting sensitive resources, expanding visitor services and interpretation, and enhancing outdoor recreation through partnerships. Initiatives such as the Back County Byways and Watchable Wildlife provide focus and funding to increase recreation opportunities.

A recreation map series has been published for the north and south halves of the Lakeview Resource Area. These maps are available to the public for purchase at all BLM offices in Oregon and Washington, at some Forest Service offices, and local businesses in Christmas Valley, Summer Lake, Adel, and Plush.

This program oversees the issuance of commercial and non-commercial special recreation permits for such activities as wilderness therapy schools, hunting guide services, and special events like bicycle races. Approximately 11 existing recreational facilities are maintained on an annual basis at Crack in the Ground, Christmas Valley Sand Dunes, Buck Creek, Highway Well Rest Area, Duncan Reservoir, Sunstone Public Collection Area, and the Warner Wetlands. This includes such things as replacing or repairing visitor registration boxes and counters, picnic tables, signs, and pit toilets.

\* Continued a cave inventory, with locations of 16 caves verified. This is an ongoing project to locate caves which the public has nominated for significance.

\* Special Recreation Use Permits (SRPs) issued to four wilderness therapy schools. All were monitored in FY2000. Three were permitted and monitored in FY2001. Monitoring consisted of campsite and access roads inventories, documenting adherence to permit stipulations, and changing use areas and campsites where conflicting resource values or public use issues arose.

\* Completed construction of a jointly-managed scenic overlook of the Warner Wetlands ACEC, on the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge.

\* Provided increased law enforcement patrols of high use recreation areas during the summer months.

\* May construct a buck and pole fence at the West Fork Silver Creek camping area to keep vehicles and cattle out of the riparian zone in FY2002.

\* New or replacement pit toilets are proposed at Green Mountain Campground and Sunstone Public Collection Area (EA#OR-010-2002-01) in FY2002.

For further information concerning the recreation program contact Dan Hollenkamp at 541-947-6185.

## **Special Areas Management**

### **Wild and Scenic Rivers**

The Lakeview Resource Area, in conjunction with the Fremont National Forest, has evaluated all rivers within the resource area for potential eligibility for further study under the Wild and Scenic River Act over the last several years. This evaluation process revealed three stream segments that were potentially eligible for designation as a wild or scenic river: Honey Creek, Twelve-Mile Creek, and Guano Creek. A suitability assessment was then completed to determine whether or not the eligible river segments should be recommended to Congress for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System.

The evaluations are available upon request. The results of this effort were used in the development of the Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP). For further information contact Trish Lindaman at 541-947-6136.

### **Wilderness**

In 1991, the BLM in Oregon completed the wilderness reporting process. This report recommended all or portions of 9 of the 12 wilderness study areas (WSAs) in the Lakeview Resource Area (totaling about 274,200 acres) be designated as wilderness. The report was signed by the Secretary of the Interior and has been forwarded to the President. However, until Congress acts on final wilderness designation for the State of Oregon, all 12 WSAs (totaling about 439,126 acres) will continue to be managed under the wilderness interim management policy so as not to impair their wilderness values. This includes conducting routine patrols, restricting vehicle use to existing roads/trails, and other interim measures.

In preparation for the Lakeview RMP, about 3,140 acres of land acquired within or adjacent to existing WSAs since the wilderness inventory was completed in 1991, were examined for wilderness characteristics under Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Approximately 1,195 acres within three WSAs were found to meet the criteria and are being recommended for addition to those WSAs. This is documented in the Lakeview Draft RMP/EIS.

In the summer of 2001, the BLM began a process of updating the inventory of roads and ways within existing WSA's. Data for Diablo, Spaulding, Devils Garden, Orejana, Guano, and Sage Hen Hills WSA's were collected using global positioning system technology (GPS). This data was corrected and input into the district GIS. Additional inventory work is scheduled in FY2002.

\* Will remove a small dump area, covering about 0.25 acres, containing non-hazardous debris from the Diablo Mountain WSA in FY2002.

\* The existing wooden fence at the Crack-in-the-

Ground parking area was removed and replaced with a stacked rock wall. Rock was collected from the general vicinity. The wooden fence on the other side of the road at the walk-in entrance to Crack-in-the-Ground (Four Craters WSA) is scheduled for replacement in FY2002.

\* Two projects are currently being proposed for hazardous fuel reduction treatments within or adjacent to WSAs. One is in the Colvin Timbers, within Abert Rim WSA; the other is along the northern border of Devils Garden ACEC/WSA (EA#OR-010-2001-03). Refer to fire management section for more information.

\* Water hole maintenance in Basque Hills and Hawk Mountain WSAs (EA#OR-010-2002-02) is proposed in FY2002.

\* Wildlife guzzlers are proposed for removal and replacement in Abert Rim WSA (EA#OR-010-2002-03) in FY2002.

More information on wilderness management can be obtained by contacting Trish Lindaman at 541-947-6136.

#### **Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs)/Research Natural Areas (RNAs)**

The resource area currently has 5 designated ACECs: Devil's Garden Lava Bed, Lost Forest/Sand Dunes/Fossil Lake, Lost Forest Research Natural Area (RNA), Warner Wetlands, and Lake Abert. Several of these areas overlap with existing WSAs. Only the Warner Wetlands and Lake Abert ACEC's have detailed management plans in place. Management of the other three areas is currently handled under the Wilderness Interim Management Policy. Refer also to the *Wilderness* section above for details of management activities in these areas.

**Warner Wetlands:** Continued habitat maintenance and enhancement projects including dike, head gate, and fence maintenance, where needed. Replaced the Swamp Lake/Warner Wetlands ACEC boundary fence in FY2000. Completed a prescribed burn on 1,200 acres in

the southern portion of the ACEC to improve wildlife habitat in FY2001. Conducted monitoring and mapping of *Sesuvium verrucosum* (verrucose sea-purslane) within the ACEC.

**Lake Abert:** A reptile survey was completed at 6 locations on the north end of Lake Abert in early FY2002.

#### ***Fossil Lake/Sand Dunes/Lost Forest:***

Continued a study of plant dynamics and tree classes within the Lost Forest RNA. In FY2001, a dune morphology study was completed by the Desert Research Institute of Reno, Nevada.

**ACEC Evaluations:** In preparation for the start of a RMP, the resource area staff have completed two inter-disciplinary ACEC evaluation reports covering all other lands within the resource area. A number of areas (nominated by the Natural Heritage Program, the public, Tribal members, and BLM staff) have been evaluated in detail to see if they meet the relevance/importance criteria for ACEC designation in accordance with the BLM 1613 ACEC planning guidance. The results of this evaluation process were documented in two separate reports which are available upon request. Fourteen areas were found to meet the criteria and are being considered for designation in the Lakeview RMP. These areas will be monitored in FY2002.

Those desiring more information on ACECs or the evaluation process should contact Paul Whitman at 541-947-6110 or Lucile Housley at 541-947-6131.

#### **Watershed, Water Quality, Fisheries, Riparian, Wetland, and Wildlife Management**

About 140,000 acres of wetlands and 131 stream miles of riparian habitat occur within the resource area. A major portion of these are located in the Warner Valley. In 1989, the *Warner Lakes Plan Amendment for Wetlands and Associated Uplands* was completed. This plan amendment

addressed management in the Warner Wetlands and emphasized inventory of riparian conditions, revising grazing practices, and implementing wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Across the resource area, management activities also include water quality and riparian monitoring and implementation of habitat improvement projects, non-point source pollution control, water rights documentation, and project maintenance. The wildlife and fisheries programs ensure that animal habitats are protected or enhanced during the operation of the BLM's multiple use programs. These programs are coordinated with habitat management efforts of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). This is achieved by conducting habitat/animal surveys, developing habitat management or other special plans to ensure protection of critical wildlife values, designing habitat enhancement projects, and monitoring.

\* Continued a water rights inventory in FY2000 and 2001. This inventory will continue in FY2002.

\* Continued an aquatic habitat inventory including approximately 80 miles of stream temperature monitoring and 10 miles of Rosgen channel classification.

\* Initiated a Riparian Ecological Site Inventory (ESI) in the Warner Basin in FY2001. This work will continue in FY2002. This information, coupled with the stream/water quality data described above, will be used to support the development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and a water quality management plan for the Warner Basin beginning in FY2003.

\* Continued a redband trout radio tag study.

\* Continued to conduct aerial compliance surveys to insure that livestock within allotments containing Warner suckers are managed in accordance with the Warner Sucker Biological Opinion.

\* Completed mid-winter bald eagle surveys.

\* Completed a Warner Lakes fish assemblage investigation in cooperation with The Nature

Conservancy.

\* Continued an on-going Challenge Cost-Share research study with Oregon State University on the Greater Sage-Grouse using telemetry to map winter habitat in the Beaty Butte Allotment.

\* Conducted Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat use study with the ODFW and USFWS in other portions of the Lakeview Resource Area.

\* Compiled existing Greater Sage-Grouse lek/habitat data onto GIS for use in preparation of a Oregon-wide Greater Sage-Grouse conservation strategy. The strategy has been divided into a two-step process: interim management guidelines that will be used until replaced by a long-term conservation strategy. Several staff assisted in the development of the Greater Sage-Grouse Interim Management Guidelines published in August 2000. Staff will continue to assist in the development of the long-term strategy in FY2002.

\* Continued an on-going juniper woodland habitat ecology study with Dr. Rick Miller, Oregon State University.

\* Continued Warner Wetland habitat maintenance and enhancement projects including dike, head gate, and fence maintenance, where needed.

\* Completed a prescribed burn on 1,200 acres in the Warner Wetlands to improve wildlife habitat in FY2001.

\* Cooperated with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the ODFW, and several National Forests in the preparation of annual animal damage control work plans covering the management of coyotes and problem cougars and bears on public lands. APHIS is the responsible lead agency for the planning and implementation of this effort. Due to the lack of matching funds from Lake County, APHIS will not continue the program in FY2002. However, it is expected that local ranchers and/or grazing associations may conduct some work at private expense, either through contract with a private company or under contract with APHIS. Work by a private company is regulated by the

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Department of Agriculture. The BLM will have little involvement in this activity in the future.

\* Coyote Hills sagebrush rehabilitation project - this project involves seeding small plots, totaling about 300 acres, within an existing 6,000-acre crested wheatgrass seeding in the Coyote-Colvin allotment (#0517), with Wyoming big sagebrush to provide cover/habitat diversity for sage grouse and antelope. The seeding was completed in the fall of 2001. Temporary snow fences are currently being placed to capture snow to increase soil moisture and aid in seed establishment.

\* Continued to maintain big game and upland bird water holes/guzzlers in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Repaired 4 guzzlers in FY2000 at Wildcat Butte, Wastina, Elk Butte, and Lower 7-Mile. A small enclosure was built around the Wildcat guzzler. Four wildlife guzzlers are proposed for removal and replacement in Abert Rim WSA (EA#OR-010-2002-03) in FY2002.

\* Cahill Cabin and 15-Mile fences: a total of about 0.3 miles of fence were constructed in two locations in the Round Mountain Allotment 0211 to prevent cattle from drifting into the riparian zone along 15-Mile Creek.

\* A reptile survey was completed at 6 locations on the north end of Lake Abert ACEC in FY2002.

\* Monitored 2 potential peregrine falcon sites.

\* Evaluated the Rosebud-Edmunds Habitat Management Plan (HMP) area for potential wetland habitat creation.

For further information contact Vern Stofleth or Todd Forbes (wildlife), Alan Munhall (fisheries/riparian), or Barbara Machado (watershed/water quality) at 541-947-2177.

## Wild Horse Management

Wild horse management focuses on managing two Wild Horse Herd Management Areas (HMA's), which are located in the Paisley Desert and Beaty Butte areas. However, some horses occur outside of these two designated herd management areas. The goal of the program is to keep horses within the herd management areas and to manage horse numbers at viable levels, while maintaining the natural habitat in an ecological balance.

Existing minimum and maximum herd numbers were established within existing land use and herd management plans. For the Paisley HMA these herd numbers are 60 to 110 animals (this population range is proposed to be increased to 60 to 150 horses in Lakeview Draft RMP/EIS). For the Beaty Butte HMA the appropriate herd levels are 100 to 250 horses.

Excess animals are gathered at various times and made available for adoption to the general public through the Adopt-a-Horse program. Management efforts also include monitoring horse numbers and range conditions in the herd management areas and inspecting adopted horse facilities.

In the summer of 2001, water was hauled to various locations in the two HMAs to provide water during drought conditions. A total of 333 horses were removed from the Paisley herd management area (HMA) and surrounding areas outside the HMA in October 2000. About 60 horses were left in the HMA. In early winter of 2001, 327 horses were gathered from the Beaty Butte HMA and Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge to the north. About 100 horses were left inside the HMA. Additional horses may be gathered in late FY2002 outside the Beaty Butte HMA on the Burns District to the east and on the Sheldon National Refuge to the south. Twenty horses (13 mares and 7 studs) will be released back into the Beaty Butte HMA in January 2002. The mares will be inoculated with a revised immuno-contraceptive vaccine called PZP in an attempt to slow down future reproductive rates. This contraceptive is expected to remain effective for 1-2 years. The effects of this vaccine on

population levels will be monitored over time as a continuation of the research and improvement of the vaccine.

More information can be obtained by contacting Theresa Romasko at 541-947-6143.

## Rangeland Management

The Lakeview Resource Area manages livestock grazing activities on most of the 3.2 million acres under its administration. Each year, grazing licenses authorizing animal unit months (AUMs) are issued for about 125 public land allotments. A percentage (37.5%) of the grazing fees collected goes into the U.S. Treasury, but most is returned to the county (12.5%) or BLM District (50%) in which it originated to be used for range improvement projects designed to benefit wildlife and watershed resources while improving conditions for livestock grazing. The range program collects inventory data and monitors range conditions on public lands. Information on vegetation utilization levels and trend are collected and evaluated to determine whether allotment goals and objectives are being met.

Two recent emphasis areas for the range management program are implementing the *Beaty Butte AMP/ROD* and conducting assessments required by the *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management*. A number of range improvement projects have been proposed and/or implemented in the last two years. These are discussed further in the following section.

### Rangeland Standards and Guidelines

In 1997, *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management* were completed by the Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC). These standards and guidelines will be implemented gradually over a 10-year period of time, on a priority basis. The five standards include:

#### **Standard 1 - Upland Watershed Function:**

Upland soils exhibit infiltration and permeability rates, moisture storage, and stability that are

appropriate to soil, climate, and land form.

#### **Standard 2 - Riparian/Wetland Watershed**

**Function:** Riparian-wetland areas are in properly functioning physical condition appropriate to soil, climate, and land form.

**Standard 3 - Ecological Processes:** Healthy, productive, and diverse plant and animal populations and communities appropriate to soil, climate, and land form are supported by ecological processes of nutrient cycling, energy flow, and the hydrologic cycle.

**Standard 4 - Water Quality:** Surface water and groundwater quality, influenced by agency actions, complies with State water quality standards.

**Standard 5 - Native, Threatened and Endangered, and Locally Important Species:** Habitats support healthy, productive, and diverse populations and communities of native plants and animals (including special status species and species of local importance) appropriate to soil, climate, and land form.

*Standards and Guidelines Assessments* have been prepared for the following allotments to date:

#### **Allotments with Completed Standard and Guideline Assessments**

<u>Allotment Number</u>	<u>Allotment Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
0600	Beaty Butte	1998
0202	Hickey Individual	1999
0206	Lane Plan II	1999
0207	Lane Plan I	1999
0208	Sagehen	1999
0211	Round Mountain	1999
0212	Rahilly-Gravelly	1999
0216	O'Keefe Individual	1999
0201	Vinyard Individual	2000
0517	Coyote-Colvin	2000
10103	ZX- Christmas Lake	2001
0428	Sheep Rock	2001

The total area assessed to date includes approximately 1.4 million acres (about 44% of the

Lakeview Resource Area). Copies of these documents are available upon request. The following is a list of allotments scheduled for assessment in the next two years.

0516	Rabbit Basin	2003
0522	Abert Seeding	2003
0425	Pike Ranch	2003
0427	XL	2003
0432	Coleman Seeding	2003

**Allotments Proposed for Standard and Guideline Assessment Completion in FY2002-2003**

<u>Allotment Number</u>	<u>Allotment Name</u>	<u>Year</u>
0205	Greaser Drift	2002
0209	Schadler	2002
0210	Rim	2002
10100	Peter Creek	2002
0509	Cox Butte	2002
0508	Rock Creek Ranch	2002
0510	Orijana Rim	2002
1000	Little Juniper Spring	2002
1001	Alkali Lake	2002
0911	Valley	2002
0218	Sandy Seeding	2002
0222	Fisher Lake	2002
0223	Hickey FFR	2002
0401	FFR	2002
0418	Squaw Lake	2002
0901	Wastina	2002
0902	Cinder Butte	2002
0906	North Webster	2002
0431	Narrows	2002
0433	East Jug	2002
1002	FFR Bar 75 Ranch	2002
1073	South Butte Valley	2002
1306	Dicks Creek	2002
0407	Clover Flat	2002
0204	Crump Individual	2002
0706	Rye Ranch	2002
0524	Lane Individual	2002
0200	Blue Creek	2003
0501	FFR Flynn	2003
0505	FFR Lynch	2003
0511	Northeast Warner	2003
0520	Lynch-Flynn	2003
0530	East Rabbit Hills	2003
0531	North Rabbit Hills	2003
0503	FFR Taylor	2003
0514	Corn Lake	2003
0518	Clover Creek	2003
0521	Priday Reservoir	2003
0519	Fish Creek	2003

**Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan (AMP) Implementation**

The *Beaty Butte AMP and FEIS* was completed in 1998. It covers management on about 500,000 acres of public land and 40,000 acres of private land located east of Adel in southeastern Lake and southwestern Harney Counties, Oregon. To date, a number of fires, pasture fences, and other projects have been completed or in the process of implementation. These are described in the following section and do not include projects done on private land within the allotment.

**Jack Creek fence:** a 2.8 mile-long, three-strand barbed wire fence was constructed in the southwest portion of the allotment, which divided the existing Jack Creek pasture into two pastures (Jack Creek South and Corral Lake). This fence allowed for implementation of the four pasture rest rotation grazing system on the west side of the allotment.

**Buckaroo Pass fence:** a 9.25 mile-long, barbed-wire fence was constructed running east to west across the center of the existing Common Pasture, designed to divide the pasture into North and South Common Pastures. This allowed for better implementation of a rest rotation grazing system in the eastern part of the allotment.

**Guano Creek fence:** a 4.75 mile-long, barbed-wire fence was constructed which divided Guano Creek from the North Lake Pasture and excluded grazing from Guano Creek. This fence serves as the southern boundary for the Cooperative Management Unit shared with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Spaulding prescribed burns:** in FY 1998, prescribed fire was reintroduced to about 4,406 acres around Spaulding Reservoir. These areas

are shown as prescribed fires #6 and 7 in the Beaty Butte AMP and Final EIS. These burns were north and south of the Spaulding Reservoir in the Common Pasture. The burns achieved the objectives of increasing plant community diversity and reintroducing fire into the sagebrush community under controlled conditions. In particular, the burns were able to reduce shrub cover and increase grass cover on the rims and steep slopes, thereby improving the habitat for the big horn sheep. This area was rested for 3 growing seasons following the burn.

**Lone Grave prescribed burns:** in FY1999, fire was reintroduced into about 17,500 acres in the Lone Grave Butte area. This included the areas shown as prescribed fires #1, 2, and 3 in the Beaty Butte AMP and Final EIS. These burns were all on the north end of the Common Pasture. Burn #1 was north of Lone Grave Butte and west of the Beaty Butte loop road. Burns #2 and 3 were on the south side of Beaty Butte and north of Buckaroo Pass. The burns achieved the objectives of increasing plant community diversity and reintroducing fire into the sagebrush community under controlled conditions. This area was rested for 2 full years following the burn.

**Beaty Butte Wildfire and Rehabilitation:** in FY2000, about 35,000 of private and BLM-managed lands in the Lakeview and Burns Districts burned on the south, north, and northeast side of Beaty Butte. About 15,158 acres were in the Lakeview District. Portions of the area (in the Lakeview District) were rehabilitated following the fire and included: 2,025 acres drill/aerial seeded with a mixture of crested wheatgrass, native grasses and forbs, sagebrush, and forage kochia to try and establish perennial vegetation in this area; 450 acres of drainages on the east side of Beaty Butte were aerial seeded by helicopter with annual rye and basin wildrye to establish more vegetation and reduce potential erosion.

Rehabilitation efforts were coordinated with similar efforts in the Burns District. About 30 straw bale sediment traps were installed using weed free straw along East and West Gulches to reduce soil erosion and runoff until vegetation could establish. Weed inventory and control

were incorporated into the plan. The burn area was rested during the growing season in 2001 and is planned to be rested for the 2002 growing season.

Due to the amount of acres burned in recent prescribed and wildfires, there are currently no plans for additional prescribed fire use in the northern half of the Beaty Butte allotment. The *Beaty Butte AMP* goals/objectives related to reintroducing fire in this area have been largely met. Prescribed fire may still be used in the future in the southern half of the allotment.

**Watering Facilities:** Replaced an existing pipeline in Hawk Valley in FY2000 and constructed about 0.5 miles of new, temporary pipeline in FY2001 to provide water for livestock in the southeast part of the allotment during drought conditions.

**Water Hole Maintenance:** the existing dike at Rock Reservoir was repaired. This project was identified in the list of proposed projects ( j ) in the Beaty Butte AMP and Final EIS. The reservoir is found on the south end of the Common Pasture about half way between Dixon water hole and South Corral Spring.

**Wild Horses:** in early winter of 2001, 327 horses were gathered from the Beaty Butte HMA and Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge to the north. About 100 horses were left inside the HMA. Additional horses may be gathered in late FY2002 outside the HMA on the Burns District to the east and on the Sheldon National Refuge to the south. Twenty horses (13 mares and 7 studs) will be released back into the herd in early 2002. The mares will be inoculated with a revised immuno-contraceptive vaccine called PZP in an attempt to slow down future reproductive rates. This contraceptive is expected to remain effective for 1-2 years. The effects of this vaccine on population levels will be monitored over time as a continuation of research and improvement of the vaccine.

**Grazing Permit Adjustment:** in FY2001, an adjustment was made to the grazing permit and schedule for the Beaty Butte allotment. The grazing decision was issued on December 1,

2000 and extended the grazing on the Beaty Butte allotment from October 15 to December 15. This provided more management flexibility and more dormant season grazing in the allotment, but did not increase the permitted AUMS.

**Research Efforts:** BLM continued to fund an ongoing Challenge Cost-Share research study with Oregon State University on the Greater Sage-Grouse using telemetry to map winter habitat in the allotment. At the Shirk Ranch, a condition assessment of the historical structures is currently underway and is expected to be completed in FY2002. BLM staff assisted with a woodrat midden analysis in the area.

Persons wishing more information on the implementation of the Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan may contact Les Boothe at 541-947-6141.

### **Rangeland Improvement Projects**

This portion of the update contains a list of a number of evaluations, monitoring efforts, and projects that have been completed in FY2000 and 2001. In addition, the condition of existing projects, such as water holes, spring developments, pipelines, wells, and fences, are monitored and maintained, as necessary.

\* Allotment Monitoring: collected trend, forage utilization, and weather data on about 90+ allotments.

\* Allotment Evaluations: two were completed in FY2000/2001. None are planned for FY2002.

\* Cattle guards: five were completed in FY2000: at Corporation Rim, Shellhamer, South Spring, and Fish Creek Rim. Three cattle guards were completed in FY2001: at Mattis and Paisley Seed Orchard.

\* Completed about 12.5 miles of new fences were completed in FY2000: Corporation Rim pasture boundary fence (0514), Oatman Flat ROW fence west (0705), and South Butte Valley (1073).

\* Replaced the Swamp Lake/Warner Wetlands ACEC boundary fence in FY2000.

\* Completed about 13 miles of new fences were completed in FY2001: Jack Creek fence (0600), Big Valley (0207), Warner drift fence (0523), and Buckaroo Pass fence (0600). The Round Mountain (0211)/Fremont National Forest Boundary Fence was partially completed in FY2001. The remaining 0.5 miles will be completed in FY2002.

\* Cahill Cabin and 15-Mile fences: a total of about 0.3 miles of fence were constructed in two locations in the Round Mountain Allotment 0211 to prevent cattle from drifting into the riparian zone along 15-Mile Creek.

\* ZX Christmas Lake Fence: construct approximately 14.3 miles of fence in Allotment 10103. Part of this project is complete. The remainder is planned for completion in FY2002.

\* Abert Fire Rehabilitation Fence: constructed approximately 3.5 miles of permanent fence to allow for rest from grazing following the Abert fire in summer 2000.

\* Juniper Fire Complex Fencing: construct approximately 40 miles of temporary and permanent fencing to allow rest from grazing and better manage livestock grazing in the future. Construction started in the early winter of 2001 and is expected to be complete in 2002.

\* Constructed 1.5 miles of pipeline at Corporation Rim (0514) in FY2001. Replaced an existing pipeline in Hawk Valley (0600) in FY2000 and constructed about 0.5 miles of new, temporary pipeline in FY2001 to provide water for livestock in the southeast part of the allotment during drought conditions.

\* Water hole maintenance is proposed in Dead Indian, Willow Creek, ZX-Christmas Lakes, Sheep Rock, and Beaty Butte Allotments in FY2002.

### **Grazing Permit Renewals**

A total of 9, 10-year grazing permits (0404, 0407, 0431, 0433, 0508, 0509, 0510, 0706, 0902, and 1001) were renewed in FY2000 and 5 in FY2001 (10100, 1306, 0911, 10103, and 0428). A total of 5 permits (0204, 0401, 0418, 0901, and 0906) will require renewal in FY2002.

### **Grazing Season Change of Use**

Greaser Drift Allotment 0205 - In FY2001, the grazing season of use was changed from September 1-November 20 to November 1-December 15. The permitted number of AUMs was not changed.

Beaty Butte Allotment 0600 - In FY2001, an adjustment was made to the grazing permit and schedule for the allotment. The grazing decision was issued on December 1, 2000 and extended the grazing on the allotment from October 15 to December 15. This provided more management flexibility and more dormant season grazing in the allotment, but did not increase the permitted AUMS.

Further information concerning the range management program can be obtained by contacting Bob Hopper at 541-947-6140.

## **2001-2002 Environmental Assessment (EA) Register**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that an environmental analysis of the potential effects be completed for any on-the-ground actions before their approval and that such analysis be open to the public. Those proposals that are of sufficient magnitude or public controversy to require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are highlighted at the front of this document.

The availability of EAs and EISs are made known through the publication of this document, legal notices and, in some cases, news releases in local news papers. The Lakeview Resource Area routinely publishes these notices in the *Lake County Examiner* (Lakeview, OR) and occasionally uses the *Herald and News* (Klamath Falls, OR), *The Bulletin* (Bend, OR), and the *Burns Times/Herald* (Burns, OR), depending on the location of the proposed project.

The Lakeview Resource Area staff has recently

analyzed or initiated several proposed actions requiring the preparation of EAs. The locations of on-going project EAs are shown on map 2. This EA list and location map are also posted on the Lakeview District's web page at <http://www.or.blm.Lakeview/planning>. **However, this web page is currently unavailable to the public due to a court order shutting down internet access to all Department of Interior agency systems which may house Indian trust data. This list and map will be updated and made available to the public via the internet/webpage in the future, once the court order is lifted.**

To receive a copy of an EA, please submit a written or telephone request to the Lakeview District Office, identifying the EA by register number and project name. Please let us know of your interest in an EA as early as possible to give the staff time to fully consider your input.



**Insert EA register here**

## Mailing List Update for the Lakeview Resource Area

In our effort to serve you more efficiently we continually update our mailing list. Because the BLM is involved in many different management activities and material is made available to you at no cost, we would appreciate it if you would take a minute to make sure we have your correct name and address. Listed below are the different mailing lists that are used when a project is proposed and public input sought. After deciding which types of activities you would be interested in receiving information, please mark the appropriate space provided below and **mail to us by May 1, 2002**, at the address below. If you have changed your name or address please supply us with your old name or address. Thank you for helping us keep our mailing costs down.

### Land Use Planning

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Lakeview Resource Management Plan \_\_\_\_\_

### Resource Management

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