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USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests
(Includes Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake Ranger Districts)
USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District
(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

For Immediate Release

Toolbox Fire Recovery Project Available For Review and Comment

Lakeview, OR: The Toolbox Fire Recovery Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been completed and is available for public review and comment.

On July 12, 2002, a lightning storm ignited 67 fires on the Fremont National Forest. On the Silver Lake Ranger District, two of these fires, the Toolbox Fire and the Silver Fire, became the primary fires within the Toolbox Complex. In total, the Toolbox Complex includes approximately 85,000 acres, 49,500 of which are on National Forest lands.

The DEIS analyzes a "No Action" alternative and five "Action" alternatives for managing the Toolbox Fire Recovery Project area. Actions include timber salvage, fuel reduction, road reconstruction, road closures and decommissioning, reforestation, and riparian and wildlife habitat improvement projects. Alternative G has been identified as the preferred alternative.

The Toolbox Fire Recovery Project DEIS has been mailed to those people who expressed interest in the project. Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the Silver Lake Ranger District office. The DEIS is also available on the internet at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/winema/management/analyses/toolbox/index2.shtml>

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Reviewers should provide comments to the Forest Service during the review period for the DEIS, which ends November 17, 2003. Comments should be sent to: Responsible Official, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630 or to Carolyn Wisdom, District Ranger, Silver Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 129, Silver Lake, OR 97638. Comments may be submitted via the internet to:

comments-pacificnorthwest-fremont-silverlake@fs.fed.us

Oral comments will be received by telephone or in person. Normal business hours for the Silver Lake Ranger District are Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rick Elston, IDT Leader, at 541-576-7569.

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