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Pine Creek Fuel Reduction Project Ready for Implementation

John Day, OR – A Decision Memo, approving implementation of the Pine Creek Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) fuels reduction project was signed on September 14, announced Brooks Smith, Prairie City District Ranger.

The Pine Creek WUI Project is a Healthy Forest Initiative (HFI) fuel reduction action and will treat about 2000 acres. The project area is located approximately 8 air miles southwest of Prairie City. Implementation of this project is expected to begin almost immediately.

“The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk of loss to private property and public resources around and in the project area,” said Smith. “Our goal is to create forest conditions that would moderate potential wildfire intensity and allow firefighters a good chance of controlling fires in this area. This will be accomplished through a variety of proposed treatments including underburning and non-commercial thinning.”

Much of the relevant information, ideals and concerns that Forest Service personnel received from adjacent landowners and the public, at a collaborative planning meeting in late September of 2004, helped shape and define this proposal, Smith added.

The Decision Memo for this project is available at Forest Service offices in John Day, Prairie City and at www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur.

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