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Dear Interested Public,

The Lakeview Ranger District is proposing a minor change in the Burnt Willow Project to remove white fir trees greater than 21 inches diameter breast height (dbh) only where it would benefit even larger trees, especially old growth ponderosa pine. The activity will be limited to isolated cases in patches not to exceed ¼ acre. It will only be used where an adjacent, even larger, ponderosa pine tree will thrive. The white fir to be removed will generally be 26 inches or less in diameter and not have old growth type characteristics, such as big limbs. The total area for treatment will be limited to less than 70 acres of the total treatment area of 3,200 acres.

The Burnt Willow Project is located in the South Warner Mountains on the Lakeview Ranger District of the Fremont-Winema National Forests in Oregon. The legal location is within T.39S., R.21E., sections 20-22, 27-29, 32-36; T.39S., R.22E., section 31; T.40S., R.21E., sections 1-4, 10-15, 21-28; and T.40S., R.22E., sections 5-8, 17-20, 29-30, Willamette Meridian, Lake County, Oregon (see enclosed map).

An environmental assessment was completed and a Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) were issued on September 15, 2006 for the Burnt Willow Project. The primary purposes of the project are to improve forest health while reducing wildfire risk. This proposal is intended to compliment the thinning-from-below and prescribed fire treatments included in the Burnt Willow Project. Implementation of the project is expected to begin in 2007.

We would appreciate your input on this proposal and would like to receive comments by January 16, 2007. Please share any issues or concerns related to this proposed site-specific Forest Plan Amendment.

Please send your comments to Joel King, Acting District Ranger, Lakeview Ranger District, 18049 Highway 395, Lakeview, Oregon 97630. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: [comments-pacificnorthwest-fremont-lakeview@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-fremont-lakeview@fs.fed.us).

We appreciate your interest in the management of the Lakeview Ranger District and look forward to your continued involvement. Thank you for helping us take care of your forests.

Sincerely,

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