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**TOPIC: Review of the Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit
Fremont-Winema National Forests**

KEY MESSAGES:

- The Lakeview Federal Sustained Yield Unit, also known as the Lakeview Federal Stewardship Unit, is scheduled to be reviewed by the end of 2010.
- The objective of the review is to determine if policy objectives are being met for the Unit, and if the Unit warrants further continuance.
- The Regional Forester for the Forest Service’s Pacific Northwest Region provides a recommendation to the Chief of the Forest Service for continuance or discontinuance of the Unit.

STATUS:

The review of the Lakeview Unit will take place under the terms of the *Sustained Yield Forest Management Act of 1944*, 36 CFR 223.117 and 36 CFR 221.3, and Forest Service directives (FSM 2411). The review will include analysis of economic, social and political conditions and trends within the Unit and the area.

SCHEDULE:

Compilation of data	March – June 2010
Draft review report, Solicit updates to policy statement	August 2010
Public hearing in Lakeview	August 16, 2010
Complete review report	September 2010
Proposed revisions to policy statement	October 2010
RO/WO review, recommendation, and determination on continuance	Nov – December 2010

BACKGROUND:

The Lakeview Unit was established by the Chief of the Forest Service in 1950. The purpose of the Unit was to maintain community stability through the sale of timber or forest products from federally-owned lands. The unit contains roughly 500,000 total acres, with about 300,000 acres considered suitable for timber harvest under the Fremont Forest Plan.

In 2001, the Chief of the Forest Service re-authorized the Unit with a revised policy statement. Under the provisions of the Unit's current policy statement, timber for commercial use from national forest lands within the Unit is required to be manufactured within the town of Lakeview, Oregon, or within a radius of 6 miles of Lakeview; or within the town of Paisley, Oregon or within a 3 mile radius of Paisley, with some exceptions.

In addition to the timber manufacturing requirements, the current policy statement establishes several sustainable forest ecosystem goals for the Unit Area. Those goals are:

1. Sustain and restore a healthy, diverse, and resilient forest ecosystem that can accommodate human and natural disturbances.
2. Sustain and restore the land's capacity to absorb, store, and distribute quality water.
3. Provide opportunities for people to realize their material, spiritual, and recreational values and relationships with the forest.

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