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## Klamath National Forest Announces the End of the 2010 Fire Season

YREKA, CA—Monday, October 25, 2010 was the end of the official fire season for lands managed by the Klamath National Forest. Recent rains and weather conditions have significantly reduced the risk of wildland fire. The fire season of 2010 on the Klamath National Forest lasted 143 days, which is about average, but the severity of fires or number of fires and acres burned was very low in terms of averages. There were 36 fires for a total of 438 acres burned this year. Compare that to an “average fire year”, such as 2009, where there were 103 fires and 4,424 acres burned. The largest fire this season was the Dutch Creek Fire that burned 371 acres in July and August. Fortunately, no structures were destroyed and there were no significant injuries to firefighters or the public. Advance planning, cooperation from landowners and implementation of a fuels reduction project on private land proved critical in holding the Dutch Creek Fire at such a low acreage.

So far this fall, the Klamath National Forest has conducted prescribed burns on 1,770 acres, under controlled conditions, to reduce excessive vegetation and mitigate the severity of future wildland fires as well as to enhance wildlife habitat.

Agricultural burning still requires an Agricultural Burn Permit which is available from any CAL FIRE station, Siskiyou County Air Pollution Management District, and from the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll, Salmon/Scott River, or Gooseneck Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest.

For more information, please visit <http://www.livingwithfire.info>, <http://www.firewise.org>, <http://takeresponsibility.cafirealliance.com>, <http://www.firesafesiskiyou.org>, or call your local fire district, fire safe council, CAL FIRE or Forest Service Office for more information.