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### **STRATEGIC FUEL BREAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

An Environmental Assessment (EA) discussing proposed Strategic Fuel Breaks in the Three Rivers Resource Area of the Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be available for public review on June 16, 2004.

The EA analyzes proposed management activities to establish breaks in heavy, continuous fuels like western juniper, other coniferous trees, and sagebrush. The proposed fuel breaks are strategically placed to maximize resource protection, increase firefighter and public safety, and to promote long-term ecological integrity of the rangeland. The fuel breaks will be accomplished through brush beating, noncommercial understory thinning, and slash pile burning treatments.

Copies of the EA, along with the Finding of No Significant Impact, will be available upon request from the Burns District BLM Office, or on the web at [www.or.blm.gov/Burns](http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns). Interested persons are encouraged to review the documents and submit comments in writing to Joan Suther, Three Rivers Resource Area Manager, at the Burns District BLM Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738. Comments are due by July 18, 2004.

For more information, contact the Burns District BLM Office at (541) 573-4400.