

Introduction

The Lakeview District boundary of the Bureau of Land Management encompasses approximately 3.5 million acres in Klamath, Lake, and part of Harney counties in southeastern Oregon (figure 1). The district is divided into two resource areas: Klamath Falls Resource Area and Lakeview Resource Area. The two resource areas differ somewhat in the major types of management activities that occur due to the differences in the types of resources present. A summary of management activities, by resource area, is included later in this document. The following section covers programs or resources that are managed on a district-wide basis: law enforcement, minerals, hazardous materials, and volunteers.

Hazardous Materials Management

This program focuses on protecting public health and safety and the environment. A major part of the program involves the investigation and cleanup of public land sites contaminated with hazardous materials in conformance with federal and state laws. For further information contact Jim Peterson at 541-947-6109.

Law Enforcement

In the past, a single District Ranger has divided his patrol and investigation time between the Lakeview and Klamath Falls Resource Areas. In FY96, a second ranger was hired in cooperation with the Fremont National Forest. This ranger will provide law enforcement support to both the forest and the Lakeview District.

The major emphasis continues to be the coordination of efforts with local law enforcement agencies, the prevention of cultural resource destruction, protection of special forest products, and prevention of theft or destruction of public property. For further information contact Mark Cooper at 541-947-6138.

Minerals

The minerals program focuses on administration of mining claims, mainly for sunstones; leasable minerals such as sodium and geothermal resources; and saleable minerals, such as sand and gravel on public lands.

Major work efforts completed include an analysis of the proposed Tucker Hill perlite mine (see Lakeview Resource Area feature story on Tucker Hill) mineral restriction maps for the Klamath Falls Resource Area (Figures 4-6; refer to Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan feature story). Major work to be conducted this fiscal year include continuing an abandoned mine land inventory, processing minor gravel/rock sales, free use permits, etc., and follow up on suspected trespass cases involving mineral resources. For further information contact Dennis Simontacchi at 541-947-6160.

Volunteer Activities

Over the past several years, volunteers have contributed many thousands of hours of time helping to conduct surveys and construct projects within the district, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings to