

Klamath Falls Resource Area

Introduction

The Klamath Falls Resource Area consists of approximately 213,000 acres of BLM-administered surface and subsurface estate (see figure 3), and 21,000 acres of BLM subsurface estate only (private or state-owned surface). This section includes a brief summary of major land use planning efforts on-going or recently completed within the resource area. These efforts include the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan, the Upper Klamath Basin/Wood River Resource Management Plan, the Topsy/ Pokegama Landscape Analysis, and the proposed Lorella pumped storage project, as well as a plan implementation summary for FY95, work planned for FY96, a 1995-96 EA register, and Rangeland Program Summary update. Those persons wishing to remain on our mailing list should fill out and return the mailing list update form on page 73.

Plan Maintenance

43 CFR Part 1610.5-4 requires that the BLM maintain its plans to reflect minor changes or additions in data which does not result in the expansion of the scope of resource uses or restrictions, or change the terms, conditions, and decision of the approved plan(s). Instruction Memorandum No. OR-96-108 (dated July 26, 1996) instructed the Klamath Falls Resource Area to remove *Buxbaumia piperi*, a moss that was erroneously listed as a species considered at risk in the Northwest Forest Plan, from the Protection Buffer Species status within the Resource Management Plan. This removal was deemed necessary as *B. piperi* is not considered to be rare, therefore the standards and guidelines from the Northwest Forest Plan were applied in error. Plan maintenance actions such as this do not require formal public involvement or additional analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act, but will continue to be reported in future Planning Updates.

Plan Amendment

43 CFR Part 1610.5-5 provides procedures to change or update an existing land use plan through the plan amendment process. Recently, the Klamath Falls Resource Area has discovered a need to update its Resource Management Plans to allow for relatively small realty actions that may be necessary to resolve minor boundary survey errors and unintentional trespass cases. One such case has arisen recently which served to highlight the need for a plan amendment. The proposed plan amendment will focus specifically on these issues and will not revisit other decisions made in the Record of Decision covering the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan. Anyone desiring additional information on the proposed plan amendment or wishing to be placed on the mailing list should fill out the mailing list form on page 69. This will be used to develop a mailing list of interested parties for plan scoping purposes.

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan

After many years in the making, the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan was approved via publication of a Record of Decision (ROD) in July 1995. The plan is long-range in scope and will take