

FY96 Projects Planned or Accomplished

- * GIS/Autocad/Database Development: entered all Class III Surveys (covering approximately 30,000 acres) into GIS and are in process of entering all cultural site data from DBase IV Arcsite program.
- * Education/Outreach: continued community outreach through sponsorship of Mazama High School Archaeology Club. Distributed Heritage Education Teachers guides to Klamath County, and City of Klamath Falls School Districts. Continued to provide updates to the Heritage Education program.
- * Surveys: contracted about 6,700 acres of cultural resource survey work, in addition to conducting about 3,500 acres of in-house survey work for a proposed salvage sale and prescribed burn.
- * Conducted two challenge Cost Share Programs with Southern Oregon State College (SOSC). One program for archaeological survey for the Gerber portion of the Bald Eagle Management Area, (BEMA). The second a 1600-acre survey as part of the SOSC Archaeological Field School.
- * Wood River Wetland Restoration: began the testing plan approved by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which includes 100% survey of 200 acres of borrow pit, and testing of approximately three miles of stream bed and five miles of proposed new dike construction.
- * Volunteers: Recruited and trained four (4) new volunteers as Archaeological Technicians.

Fire/Aviation Management

The BLM's fire and aviation programs are important support programs. The aviation program supports various activities including firefighting, insect damage, and wild horse and wildlife census surveys. Fire management has two major focuses: suppressing wild fires and conducting prescribed burns to benefit wildlife habitat and range conditions, among other resources, and over the long-term reduce wildfire suppression costs.

The resource area has begun implementation of a multi-objective prescribed burning program whereby fire is being reintroduced into the ecosystem in a random fashion, intended to mimic natural fire occurrence. The resource area has been divided up into logical burning units. In future years, units will be picked randomly via a computerized random number generator. The list of proposed burns is then evaluated by an interdisciplinary team to determine if they should be burned that year, post-poned, or dropped completely based on various resource concerns. The list of proposed burn areas is provided to the public for review on an annual basis.

In FY95, the resource area completed approximately 400 acres of underburning for the purposes of site preparation (sivilcultural treatment), wildfire hazard/fuels reduction, and/or ecosystem management. In FY96, approximately 527 acres of underburning has been completed in the Jenny and Spencer Creek watersheds and were funded under the Jobs-in-the-Woods program. An additional 886 acres was burned in the Gerber Reservoir area. For further information contact Joe Foran at 541-885-4117 or Al Carrier at 541-947-6170.

Forestry Management

The Klamath Falls Resource Area contains 57,300 acres of commercial forest land. Over 70 percent of these lands are revested Oregon and California (O&C) grant lands located west of Klamath Falls. They support a