

# **KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Klamath Falls Resource Area encompasses approximately 213,000 acres of BLM-administered surface and subsurface estate (figure 3), and another 21,000 acres of BLM subsurface estate only (private or state-owned surface). This section on the Klamath Falls Resource Area includes a summary of their major land use planning efforts that are either ongoing or have recently been completed, as well as plan implementation for FY96, work planned for FY97, an EA register, and a Rangeland Program Summary update.

Additional information on the various programs is available either by filling out the questionnaire at the back of this planning update, or by calling the contact person listed for the specific program or project.

## **NORTHWEST FOREST PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

### **JOBS-IN-THE-WOODS PROGRAM**

The Jobs-in-the-Woods Program (JITW), which is part of the Northwest Forest Plan implementation strategy, is a multi-agency program established in 1994. The program has two purposes, one being to restore the health of Key Watersheds within the area of the Northwest Forest Plan, and another to help communities, businesses, and the work force affected by declining timber harvest to transition to new work opportunities associated with ecosystem management and restoration. Projects implemented in FY96 involved recreation site and recreation area improvement, forest underburning, plant surveys, and juniper thinning.

### **FY96 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

In FY96, the BLM's Jobs-in-the-Woods projects in the Lakeview District employed 66 people, including 32 displaced timber workers. Four JITW contracts were issued for a total of \$483,000.

### **ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY97**

An estimated 62 jobs will be created from Jobs-in-the-Woods projects in FY97. Two specific activities planned are:

- Prescribed fire to improve ecosystem health and protect crucial wildlife habitat. This treatment, which is the final year of a 3-year contract, is planned for approximately 515 acres.