

## **EASTSIDE**

One eastside timber sale is scheduled for FY97: Stukel Mountain for 0.35 MMBF on 209 acres. Stukel Mountain Timber Sale was sold in June 1997. In addition, the BLM is assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with their Bear Valley Wildlife Refuge timber sale for 1 MMBF on 245 acres of USFWS-administered lands (Table 7). This interagency cooperative effort is listed on the table to show work accomplishments.

The Bear Valley 1 sale, located in the Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge, is designed to improve overall forest health and reduce fuel loading and fire hazards in the refuge. When the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the BLM initially offered this sale on August 28, 1996, no bids were received. Appraised prices were reduced and the sale was reoffered October 11, 1996. Again, no bids were received. The right-of-way access problem into the refuge appears to be inhibiting prospective purchasers. Both the USFWS and BLM are attempting to obtain permanent access into the refuge, and a temporary easement is expected to be obtained by July 1997, at which time the sale will be reoffered.

The timber sale for the Bly Mountain/Klamath Forest Estates Area, originally scheduled for FY97, has been postponed contingent on completing a landscape/watershed analysis for the area. After the watershed analysis is completed, an environmental assessment will be prepared for the proposed treatment.

## **STATUS OF SALES UNDER KLAMATH FALLS RMP**

Five sales, all west of Klamath Falls, have been sold and awarded under the Klamath Falls Resource Area's RMP (Table 7). These sales represent almost 13 MBF. Of the total harvest acres (7,288), 6,000 acres are salvage from lands north of Highway 66. Two sales (West Rome Salvage and Too Frosty) are either completed or almost complete. The West Rome II Salvage and Lower Spencer Creek Salvage sales were sold in December of 1996 and primarily involved salvage of dead or dying trees north of Highway 66 and west of Klamath Falls.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Juniper thinning is being done in the Gerber Bald Eagle Management Area.
- The Klamath Falls Resource Area has three open trespass cases.
- Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering: Two high school students will be performing duties under the ASE program, one as a Global Positioning System (GPS) technician and the other as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Assistant.

## **SILVICULTURE**

### **FY96 SILVICULTURE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Silviculture is the manipulation of forest stands to reach a desired condition. Stand exams are conducted in commercial-sized stands to determine existing stand structure, species