

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**Squaw Ridge Wilderness Study Area Fuels Treatment
Environmental Assessment (EA# OR-010-2004-05)
and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

The Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District, Lakeview Resource Area, has analyzed a proposal and one alternative to reintroduce fire as an ecological process and promote a sustainable system within the western juniper/sagebrush steppe regime of the Squaw Ridge Wilderness Study Area (WSA) located in northern Lake County, Oregon. The objectives of the proposal are: 1) to protect special resource values, 2) to re-introduce fire into the ecosystem, 3) to improve fuel conditions and promote public, private and firefighter safety within and adjacent to the lava flow area during fire suppression activities, 4) to reduce overall impacts to WSA boundaries/ways and private lands, and 5) to improve Bighorn sheep habitats. The project area covers about 28,340 acres and may be implemented over a 5 to 10 year period.

The EA and FONSI are now available for public review by writing to the Lakeview District Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, or by calling Gretchen Burris or Paul Whitman at (541) 947-2177. The documents will also be available on the district web page at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Lakeview/Planning/RevEA.htm>. If you wish to provide comments on the proposal you must do so, in writing, by September 24, 2004.