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Flying Logs! April Fool

Roseburg, Ore – Logs will be flying by helicopter from the Flea Flicker salvage timber sale starting April 1, 2004, depending on weather conditions.

The Flea Flicker timber sale was a result of fire started by the sparks from an automobile catalytic converter from I-5 on Bureau of Land Management Land during the summer of 2003. Approximately 30 acres burned before the Douglas Forest Protective Association successfully put the fire out.

The salvage sale was sold to Scott Timber Company in February of this year and totals more than 887 hundred cubic feet (CCF). The Flea Flicker sale was expedited because of safety concerns next to the Highway and in order to save the value of salvageable burnt timber. “We have a responsibility to manage the O&C lands by harvesting dead and dying timber in a timely manner, to restore the health of the ecosystem by eventually replanting the area, and to recover the economic value of the wood, but it is as much a safety concern as well”, says Steve Wetherell, Roseburg BLM District cruiser/Appraiser.

There are a lot of dead trees in this sale along Interstate 5. “_____”, says Jarred Castle, Public Affairs Specialist for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The salvage trees will be logged by helicopter in order to minimize impacts to the soil and because of the difficult access in that area. The burnt trees will be flown away from the freeway up the hill and over the ridge by a Boeing Vertol helicopter owned by Columbia Helicopter. Any green trees that had the ability to survive the burn will be monitored and left to help stabilize the soil and provide protection to the trees that will be planted.

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