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Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests

ARRA and the Forest Service Contract Crews Reduce Hazardous Fuels

Just two weeks after economic stimulus work in the woods began, crews of four contractors have treated 1,044 acres of hazardous fuels on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests in Oregon. Crews are hard at work thinning and hand piling small trees, mowing and removing some biomass.

Quicksilver Contracting of Bend knocked back 529 acres on the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District south of Bend.

Melcher Logging of Sweet Home crews thinned, piled and mowed another 150 acres as part of the Head Thin Project on the Sisters Ranger District.

PatRick Contracting of Redmond treated 309 acres of the Crooked River National Grassland on the Ochoco National Forest.

GFP of Sisters crews thinned and piled 56 acres in the wild land urban interface near Sisters, Oregon as part of the Sisters Area Fuels Reduction Project.

Chain saws were buzzing in the woods, and crewpersons were glad to be back at work.

A session was held this week at Deschutes National Forest headquarters in Bend for additional persons interested in contracting with the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests. The “Central Oregon Restoration Project” will seek to develop a pool of contract resources that can be tapped into over the next year. Over one hundred people showed up to learn about contracting opportunities for the near future.

The Oregon Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP) of Springfield, Oregon has also been conducting sessions about government contracting in multiple locations around the state. GCAP will host a session in Bend on April 14th.