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**Forest Service Announces
More Economic Recovery Projects in Central Oregon**

Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests—Three Central Oregon Counties will receive funding as part of the \$10 million economic stimulus funds announced by Chief Gail Kimbell today to create jobs clearing brush and trees to prevent disastrous wildfires.

Crook County will receive approximately \$ 970 thousand to treat approximately 3,000 acres on the Ochoco National Forest.

Deschutes County will receive approximately \$ 2 million to treat 6,300 acres on the Deschutes National Forest.

Jefferson County will receive approximately \$ 500 thousand to treat over 1,000 acres on the Crooked River National Grassland of the Ochoco National Forest and \$ 1.5 million to treat approximately 4,000 acres on the Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest.

Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties are three of the six counties in Oregon that have seen the highest increase in unemployment rates in recent times. The other three counties in Oregon to receive funding in this first ten percent projects phase due to high unemployment increases are Douglas, Josephine and Curry Counties.

“It is our intent to get contracts awarded to local businesses and help put people to work,” says Deschutes National Forest Supervisor John Allen. Forest Service staff hopes to obligate and award contracts for the work by next Tuesday, March 17th.