

**PROPOSED ACTION STATEMENT**  
**Fremont-Winema National Forests**  
**Lakeview Ranger District**

Project Name: **Stateline Pretreatment Thinning**

Responsible Official: **TERRY SODORFF, Lakeview District Ranger**

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**A. Project Description**

Lakeview District Ranger, Terry Sodorff, proposes to conduct non-commercial understory thinning to serve as pretreatment for underburning in the Stateline Underburn project area. Thinning would occur on approximately 1,260 acres, consisting of hand felling trees less than nine inches diameter at breast height. Treatment will emphasize removal of suppressed, damaged and defective trees, while maintaining the best leave trees and all existing snags. Slash generated by the thinning activity will be lopped and scattered. It is expected that underburning will be accomplished after the slash has cured, under spring burning conditions.

**B. Location**

The project area is approximately 28 miles southwest of Lakeview and is specifically described as: T. 41 S., R. 15 E., sections 1, 10, 12, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, W.M., Klamath County, Oregon; T. 40 S, R. 16 E., sections 31 and 32; and T. 41 S., R. 16 E., sections 4 – 9, 11, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, W.M., Lake County, Oregon (refer to map).

**C. Existing Conditions and Desired Condition**

The stands proposed for thinning treatment are currently overstocked and contain evidence of recent and older mountain pine beetle activity.

The Fremont National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (FLRMP) allocates this area to Management Area 5 (MA5), *Commercial Production of Sawtimber and Forage for Domestic Livestock*. FLRMP, as amended, objectives are to create healthy forest conditions, encourage the development of large diameter, open-canopy structure.

**D. Purpose and Need For Action**

The underlying need for the proposed action is minimal ladder fuels and vigorous trees. The Stateline Pretreatment Thinning project is within the Stateline Underburn project area that is currently being analyzed. The purposes of the thinning is to reduce ladder fuels and help facilitate a successful underburn operation. Thinning will

provide for reduced competition and improved retention and vigor of the remaining trees.

The proposed action is designed to help move the area towards desired conditions described in the FLRMP, as amended. This activity is compatible with the management direction in the FLRMP.

**E. Decision to be Made**

Should the proposed understory thinning be implemented or should any modifications be made to the proposed action based on comments received?

Are there extraordinary circumstances that warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS?

Is the action consistent with the management direction of the FLRMP or is a site-specific Forest Plan amendment necessary?

**A. Initial Issues:**

Internal scoping for this project will be provided for and documented by routing of a project card. Fremont South Zone (Bly and Lakeview Ranger Districts) resource specialists will document remarks and/or reports as necessary to provide adequate information and analysis.

**F. Preliminary Alternatives to Proposed Action**

No Action.

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District Ranger

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