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**USDA's Fremont and Winema National Forests**  
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**USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District**  
*(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)*

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## **Winter Fire Salvage on Hold**

**Lakeview, Oregon** - The Fremont-Winema Forest Supervisor withdrew her decision to proceed on the Winter Fire Salvage and Rehabilitation project. Her original decision to implement this project was appealed by the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Northwest Ecosystems Defense Center, the American Lands Alliance, and the Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project all represented by Jay Liniger of Ashland.

The Forest Supervisor withdrew her decision on the Winter Fire Salvage, in order to further address the effects of this project in the context of the area surrounding the Winter Fire of 2002. This will also strengthen the tie between the reason for the project action and the decision being made, and to better disclose the differences between the alternatives.

Winter Rim is located north of Paisley, Oregon, and forms the western edge of the Summer Lake basin. Much of the face of Winter Rim burned last summer by fires started by a lightning storm in mid-July. About 34,000 acres were affected in all, including about 24,000 acres of National Forest land and 9,000 acres of private land.

The Forest Service's EA proposed to salvage fire-killed trees, replant seedlings, repair or restore riparian areas, and implement minor road maintenance/reconstruction projects within the Winter Fire area. The revised EA is planned for release for public comment early this fall, with a new decision scheduled in December.

For more information about this decision or EA, contact Bill Aney, Paisley District Ranger, 541-943-4401.

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