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Fremont-Winema National Forests  
Lakeview District BLM  
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*USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests*  
*(Includes Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake Ranger Districts)*  
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*(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)*

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## RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET IN KLAMATH FALLS

Lakeview, Oregon June 3, 2004 – The Fremont and Winema Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in Klamath Falls on June 10 and 11 to evaluate more than 45 natural resource management proposals. The committee, operating under the provisions of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, is responsible for recommending projects that will put people to work at the business of restoring watersheds on federal lands in Lake and Klamath Counties. This coming year, about \$3.0 million is available for these projects.

The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is chaired by Charles (Chuck) Wells of Chiloquin, and includes representatives from a broad range of interests including ranchers and lumber mills, local and regional environmental groups, labor unions, Indian tribes, and local elected officials. The group was formed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in January of 2002, and is chartered as a federal advisory committee with the charge of improving cooperative relationships among those that use federal lands and the land management agencies.

According to Bill Aney, the Forest Service Representative working with the Fremont and Winema RAC, this will be the fourth round of project proposals that the RAC has evaluated, and so far 56 resource management projects in the two counties have either been completed or are underway.

The meeting in Klamath Falls will be at the Supervisor's Office on South Dahlia Street. Thursday's meeting starts at 10:00 a.m., and Friday's meeting starts at 8:00 a.m. All Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, and time is made available for public comment and input.

Questions should be directed to Aney at the Paisley Ranger District, (541) 943-4401.

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