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(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

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FISH HABITAT SET FOR RESTORATION

FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FORESTS IMPLEMENT LARGE WOOD REINTRODUCTIONS TO AREA STREAMS

Klamath Falls –In order to improve the condition of fish habitat, the Fremont-Winema National Forests will be placing a number of large logs into Threemile and Rock Creeks along the Westside Road near Rocky Point. A large helicopter will be used to place approximately 60 large logs per mile in each creek. Work is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 28, 2004 and could continue through Friday, October 1, 2004.

Safety to those involved on the project and to the general public is a priority and accordingly an Air Safety Plan has been developed. Qualified helicopter managers will be on site to run air operations. With safety in mind, the following roads will be closed to through traffic during operations: Along Threemile Creek, (Forest Road 3413 from the 3413-110 intersection to Forest Road 3449). Along Rock Creek, (the entire length of Forest Road 3419-060). In addition, it will be necessary to issue a general area closure order on the use of the Threemile Quarry (T 34S, R 6E, Section 2) by the general public, from Monday, September 27 to Friday, October 1, 2004. Use of the Threemile Quarry needs to be temporarily closed to public access due to the need for repeated landings for refueling and maintenance. Operations will conclude by the end of daylight on October 1, 2004 and the area again reopened to the general public. No closure will be required for the County Road 740 accessing the Threemile Quarry.

The numbers of native fish in Forest streams on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake are currently at very low levels. The lack of quality habitat created by large pieces of wood is a major factor limiting fish populations in both Rock and Threemile Creeks. Approximately one mile will be treated along both streams. The project has been reviewed, approved, and permitted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Klamath Falls District), the Oregon Department of State Lands, the Army Corp of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Klamath

Falls). These projects complement watershed restoration work occurring on private lands along the Westside Road.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Neil Anderson, at the Klamath Falls Office of the Fremont-Winema National Forests at (541) 883-6731 or email him at nianderson@fs.fed.us.

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