



**Fremont-Winema National Forest, Chiloquin Ranger District  
Ninemile Project**

**Location:**

The Chiloquin Ranger District on the Fremont-Winema National Forest developed the Nine mile Timber Sale and Natural Fuels Reduction project under the authorities provided under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003.

**Purpose:**

The project is designed to reduce fire hazard through the use of conifer tree thinning, whip falling of small noncommercial trees, machine and hand piling, pile burning, brush mowing, and prescribed burning across 6,961 acres. Following scientific research guidance to ameliorate the existing fire hazard and return healthy growing conditions to the larger trees in the area, commercial sized trees will be removed from 3,461 acres. Thinning will remove trees with 4 to 21 inches in diameter, resulting in about 14.3 million board feet of commercial material that is harvested. The remaining 3500 acres will receive fuel treatments to reduce fire hazard.

The result is not only a project that reduces fire hazard, but also a treatment that will allow the area to return to stands of larger fire-resistant trees as it was before European settlement. At the same time commercial timber volume will be removed as a by-product of fire hazard reduction. Oregon Natural Resources Council and Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center objected to the project. Those objections were reviewed and the decision was to allow the project to proceed. The Decision Memo on signed on August 31, 2004.

**Partners:**

This project was developed in cooperation with The Klamath Tribes, the Central Klamath County Community Action Team, the Chiloquin-Agency Lake Rural Fire Protection District and residents in the area.

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