



**Deschutes NF, Bend-Fort Rock RD
East Tumbull Planning Area**

Location:

The East Tumbull Planning Area is located on the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District on the Deschutes National Forest. This project is on the west side of Bend where the city limits meet the east flank of the Cascades. It is wildland urban interface (WUI), and is one of the highest fire risk areas of the National Forest.

Purpose:

The west side of Bend experienced the Awbrey Hall Fire that burned nineteen homes in 1990. The owners of the new Highlands development have agreed to conduct a thinning regimen along the interface that is compatible with National Forest thinning operations. The private developers have also agreed to design a trail system from the private land that is contiguous to the National Forest trail system.

The City of Bend is coordinating water development for fire protection in the WUI with the Forest Service. This project encompasses over 15,000 acres of fuel breaks and thinning, and includes implementation of the City of Bend community wildfire protection plan that is now underway. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process will begin in early 2005, with a decision in 2005. This project will be implemented under Title I of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA).

Partners:

Partners include the City of Bend, Deschutes County, Bend Fire Department, some private subdivisions, Oregon Department of Forestry, Pacific Northwest Research and Oregon State University and Sun River Homeowners' Association.

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