



## BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE

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## NEWS

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### ***BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE PREPARES FOR SPRING PRESCRIBED BURNING***

***BURNS, Oregon*** – Residents of Harney County can soon expect occasional smoky skies and increased traffic on forest roads as the Burns Interagency Fire Zone prepares for spring prescribed burning. The Burns Interagency Fire Zone does a number of prescribed fire projects annually to reduce fuel loading and the risk of catastrophic large wildfires, increase forage for livestock and wildlife, and improve wildlife habitat.

This spring, projects slated for late April and throughout May include: 3,600 acres in Salt Canyon, west of Forest Road 41 and south of Donnelly Camp; 1,000 acres in the Badger area just east of Yellowjacket Lake; 750 acres approximately 3 miles northeast of the junction of Forest Roads 43 and 47; 83 acres on the west side of East Cow Creek, and 266 acres at Craft Point, both along the southern boundary of the Malheur National Forest.

Fire Management Officer Mike Morcom said, "These projects are important in our efforts to develop more fire resilient and healthier ecosystems. In the long term, completing these projects will allow for lower intensity fires that are more in tune with the historic natural occurrence of fire in this area."



*Badger unit prescribed fire, 2006*

Burning will occur as weather and fuel moisture conditions allow. Avoid project areas during active burning if at all possible.

For further information on prescribed burning in Harney County, contact Prescribed Fire Managers Dan Ridenour at (541) 573-4508, or Ken Higle at (541) 573-4319, on regular business days between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

