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BURNS INTERAGENCY FIRE ZONE CONDUCTING PRESCRIBED BURNING MID-JANUARY

BURNS, Oregon –The Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) is preparing for several prescribed burning projects, most of which are scheduled to occur next week. Beginning Tuesday, January 16 and lasting until weeks end, approximately 5,000 acres in various areas of Harney County will be treated to reduce fuel loading and the risk of catastrophic large wildfires, increase forage for livestock and wildlife, and improve wildlife habitat. Some of the project areas include units in the Stinkingwater Mountains, some in the Skull Creek area, some near Elephant Butte, and others by Dry Mountain.

Actual days of ignition for the burning projects will be determined by weather and fuel moisture conditions at the time of the start. If conditions are not favorable, burning will not occur as planned.

There may be noticeable smoke and increased ground and air traffic around project areas. The public is asked to be aware of the activity and avoid the work sites as much as possible.

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

