Salem BLM to Burn Slash Debris Piles

*Salem, Ore.* – The Bureau of Land Management’s Salem District will be burning hand, machine and landing piles on BLM managed lands throughout northwest Oregon. The slash debris piles created following commercial and precommercial tree thinning, restoration, and habitat enhancement projects will be burned sometime in the next eight weeks depending on weather conditions and approved burning days.

Prescribed fire (controlled burning) is used within identified project areas to reduce the potential for large catastrophic wildfires and to increase public and firefighter safety, as well as to meet a variety of resource management objectives. These planned ignitions allow agencies to reduce hazardous fuels and restore habitat and ecosystems. Three general types of prescribed fire are pile burning, understory/under burning, and broadcast burning. To view a list of the prescribe fire project areas, link to BLM’s website located at: [http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/fire/prescribedburns/](http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/fire/prescribedburns/)

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated $4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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