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Salem BLM to Burn Slash Debris Piles

Salem, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management’s Salem District will be burning debris piles on BLM lands throughout northwest Oregon. The slash debris piles, left behind from tree thinning projects, will be burned sometime in the next six weeks depending on weather conditions and approved burning days.

Prescribed fire (controlled burn) is used to reduce the risk of large catastrophic wildfires and increase public and firefighter safety, as well as meet a variety of resource management objectives. This planned ignition allows 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. A listing of the burn locations can be found at Salem BLM’s website at

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/fire/prescribedburns/>

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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