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Federal agencies plan for prescribed fire

HINES, Ore. – Fire crews from the Burns Interagency Fire Zone expect to carry out at least two prescribed fires in Harney County within the coming weeks. The Cricket underburn, located along the 47 road approximately 17 miles northwest of Burns, is planned for 150 acres. The Pinecraft underburn is 350 acres and is located east of Cow Creek, approximately 14 miles northeast of Burns.

Prescribed fire is intended to reduce fuel loading and the risk of catastrophic large wildfires and improve wildlife habitat. The Burns Interagency Fire Zone does a number of prescribed fire projects annually to develop more fire resilient and healthier ecosystems. Fire Management Officer Ken Hagle said, “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.”

Burning will occur as weather and fuel moisture conditions allow. There will be noticeable smoke and increased traffic around prescribed fire areas. The public should be aware of the activity and avoid the project sites as much as possible. Warning signs and fire engine escorts may be used along the 47 Road during the Cricket burn if necessary.

For further information on prescribed burning in Harney County, contact the Burns District Bureau of Land Management office at (541) 573-4400.

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