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BLM PLANS FOR FALL/WINTER PILE BURNING ACROSS HARNEY COUNTY

HINES, Ore. – Fire crews from the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) expect to complete several thousand acres of slash-pile burning at numerous locations across Harney County over the next two months. General areas where piles will be burned include: south of Snow Mountain, French Spring, Buck Spring, Nicoll Ridge, Cooper Creek, Silvies Canyon, and Myrtle Creek. If weather conditions allow, BIFZ firefighters may also complete some under burning in the forest lands near Rattlesnake Creek.

The BIFZ conducts a number of prescribed burns each year – including slash-piles, under burning, and landscape-level burning – to reduce fuel loading and the risk of catastrophic large wildfires, to increase forage for livestock and wildlife, and to improve wildlife habitat.

There will be noticeable smoke and increased traffic around prescribed fire areas. The public should be aware of the activity and avoid the work sites as much as possible.

For further information on BIFZ prescribed burning, contact Fuels Specialist Sean Rothwell at (541) 573-4535.

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