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BLM to Begin Seeding Project South of Dayville

Dayville, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District, will begin seeding BLM-administered lands burned in the 2014 South Fork Complex Fire south of Dayville, Oregon beginning October 31, 2016 and continuing through the month of November.

The project will seed 1,640 acres using a rangeland drill and an additional 2,900 acres will be aerial seeded using a helicopter.

The project will occur east of the South Fork Road, on the north and south sides of Murderers Creek within the boundary of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Phillip P. Schneider Wildlife Area.

In order to be the most effective, the seeding needs to occur in the fall after moisture and before the ground freezes, which may conflict with hunters on the western edge of the Murderers Creek Hunting Unit 46.

The goal of this restoration project is to re-establish native plant species that can out-compete undesirable invasive annual grasses and noxious weed species like cheatgrass and medusahead rye, and to improve wildlife forage and habitat.

For more information about this project or weed treatments on the Prineville District, please call the office at (541) 416-6700.

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