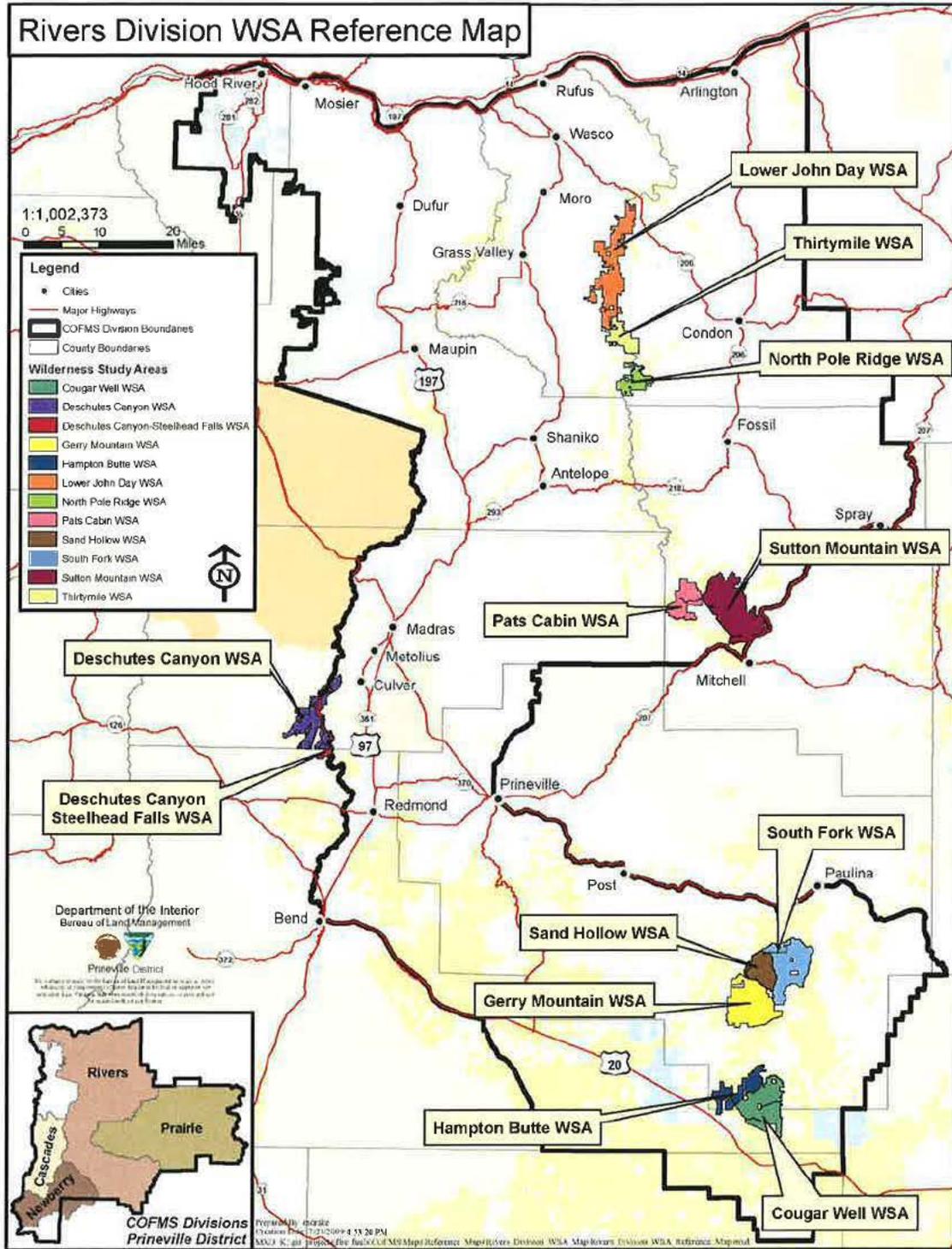


Wilderness Study Areas Map



PRINEVILLE DISTRICT WSA FIRE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Call a resource advisor everytime there is a fire in or near a WSA

Specific WSA guidance:

Steelhead Falls- all fires will be suppressed using Perimeter control or full control due to the proximity of private land with structures.

Aldrich - vehicle travel will be permitted off designated routes in the medusahead flat areas in Murderer's Creek. This will only be permitted when the fire activity is such that it would make the difference in containing the fire at a small size vs. the fire becoming large and threatening private, ODF, and USFS land.

The full range of appropriate response will be considered for managing fires in the Prineville BLM WSA's(except for Steelhead Falls)

The following guidelines apply to managing fire in all WSA's, ACEC's, RNA's, and WSR's. These are collectively known as SMA's (Special Management Areas). Separate guidance is provided for managing fires in designated Wilderness Areas

1. All suppression vehicles will carry maps of designated SMA boundaries and Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (M.I.S.T.) guidelines.
2. Vehicles will be restricted to utilizing designated routes and ways; Cross-country travel is prohibited except if specifically authorized by BLM District Manager or to protect from imminent harm to life or property.
3. All fires will be suppressed or monitored.
4. Equipment use for fire line construction will be restricted.
5. The guiding principle for fire management activities will be to preserve the area's natural condition, consistent with principles of safe fire management.
6. Except for spot maintenance to remove obstructions, ways, reservoirs and trails will not be improved.
7. Construction of helispots may be done when absolutely necessary, but will be limited to clearing only enough to allow safe aircraft operations and reclamation is done.
8. Hand tools are preferred.
9. Retardant approved by U.S. Forest Service may be utilized(use near waterways requires resource advisor approval).
10. Fire fighting equipment other than earth moving equipment may be utilized providing that designated ways are utilized and crossing of streams, seeps and bogs is avoided.
11. Locate fire camps outside WSAs.
12. A resource/wilderness advisor will be assigned to every fire.

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