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Controlled Burn Near Sutherlin Scheduled

Roseburg, Ore. – The BLM is planning controlled burns on approximately 300 acres within the North Bank Habitat Management Area, approximately three miles southeast of Sutherlin, Oregon, off North Bank Road, beginning October 14 and ending Thursday, October 15, 2015.

The primary objectives for the controlled burn are to increase the quantity and quality of forage available and restore oak/madrone woodlands. “The new growth of grasses and herbs will enhance Columbian white-tailed deer habitat. The controlled burn will also reduce the density of understory conifers in oak dominated woodlands,” said Max Yager, Swiftwater Field Manager.

The North Bank Habitat Management Area is managed for the Columbian white-tailed deer and was instrumental in securing the delisting of the species from the threatened and endangered species list. For further information on this area, visit:

http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/north_bank.php

The burn is being designed and accomplished in cooperation with the Douglas Forest Protective Association, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

For more information about the Roseburg BLM visit:

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