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Fishtrap Prescribed Fire

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District Office will be conducting prescribed fires in the Fishtrap area of Spokane and Lincoln Counties, approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Sprague, WA. The prescribed fires will tentatively be conducted from January 15 through February 28, 2014. Approximately 1,150 acres of public land in five separate treatment areas will be burned, and smoke may be visible on active ignition days and subsequent days following. The overall goal of this burn is to reduce the fire hazard and intensity.

Prescribed fire is used to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, and increase public and firefighter safety. It also helps meet a variety of resource management objectives: reducing hazardous fuels (surface or ladder fuels), and restoring habitats and ecosystems. To restore fire to its natural role in forests and rangelands, trained experts employ low intensity prescribed fire in the spring and fall, when weather conditions minimize escape and allow for controlled burning.

The legal descriptions of the prescribed fire areas are Township 21 North, Range 39 East, Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12; Township 21 North, Range 40 East, Section 6; Township 22 North, Range 39 East, Section 36; Township 22 North, Range 40 East, Sections 29, 30, and 31.

Additional information about the BLM's fire program is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/fire/index.php>

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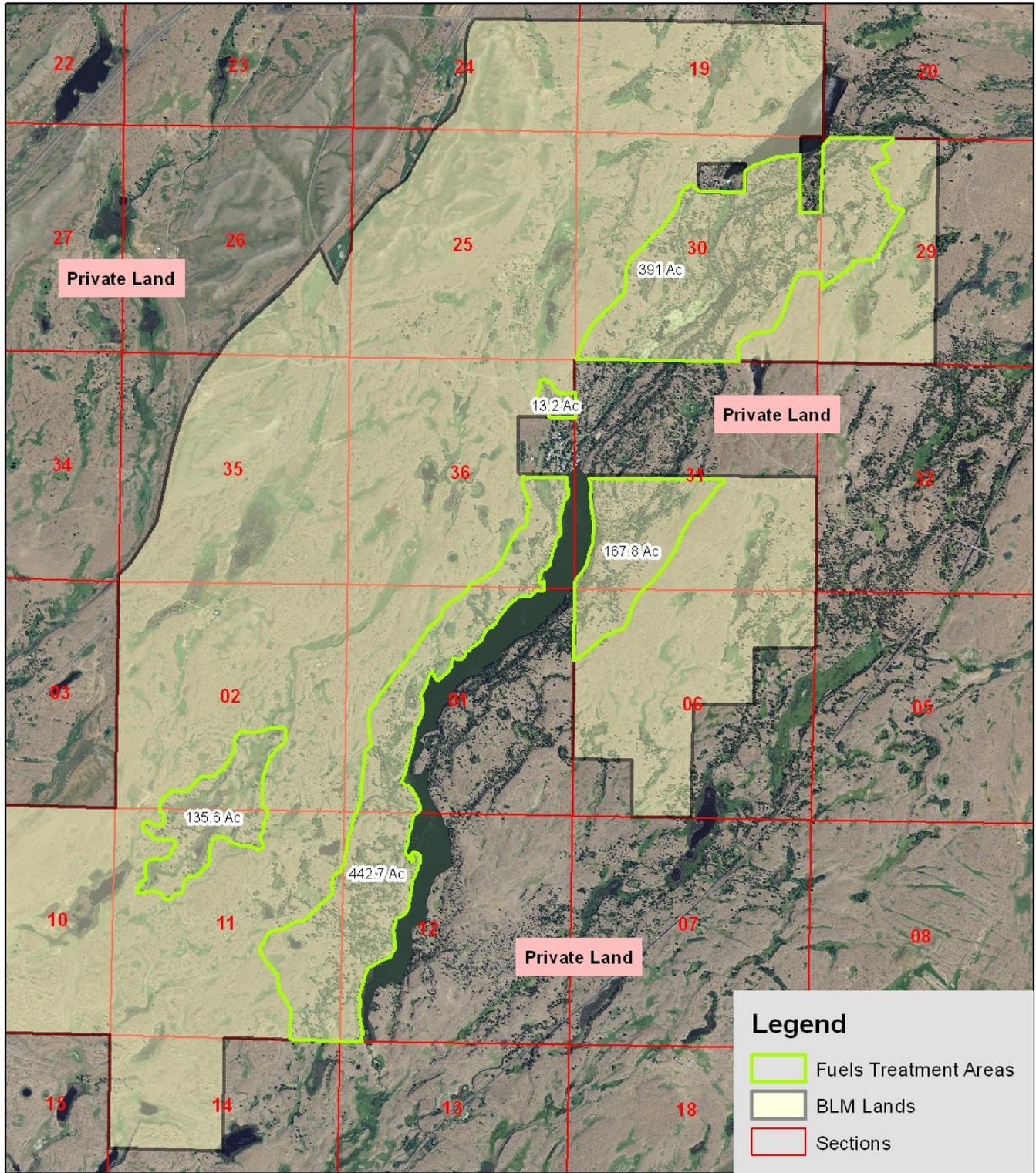
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Fishtrap Pile Burning



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