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BLM Plans Prescribed Burn in Huckleberry Stewardship Area

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District Office will be conducting prescribed fires in the Carrs Corner area in Stevens County, Wash. between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30. Approximately 385 acres of public land 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 31 North, Range 39 East, Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 19, 20, 29, and 30.

The project area is located approximately 8 miles west of Valley, Wash. 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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