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USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District

(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

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Fall Burns Planned on Public Lands

Klamath Falls, OR – The Fremont-Winema National Forests is planning to begin its fall prescribed burning program this month when weather and fuel conditions are favorable. The Klamath Ranger District plans to burn approximately 1200 acres in the Rocky Point area and areas along Highway 140 west. Chiloquin Ranger District plans to burn approximately 4400 acres that will include 350 acres near the town of Chiloquin.

Fall burning is already underway on the Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas of the Bureau of Land Management. Burns being conducted or planned will include lands near Keno, Bly Mountain, Stukel Mountain, and Gerber.

Burning could continue through December.

Prescribed burning is the controlled application of fire over a large area to reduce the accumulation of combustible material on the forest floor. Burns are designed to meet specific resource management objectives such as reducing catastrophic wildfire potential, reducing hazardous effects on forest ecosystems from wildfires, enhancing forage, meadow enhancement, improving bald eagle and other wildlife habitat, and reduce encroachment.

Burning is done when temperature, humidity, wind speed, and fuel moisture conditions are appropriate to insure that fires remain inside designated boundaries and resource management objectives are met.

Although the smoke is expected to disperse, some pooling may occur during late afternoon and evening hours, reducing visibility in some areas.

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