



Malheur National Forest

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PRESCRIBED FIRE PLANNED FOR PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT

John Day, OR - The Prairie City Ranger District will begin their spring prescribed burning on several units south of HWY 26 and Austin Junction, in the vicinity of Clear Creek to the Wallowa-Whiteman National Forest boundary, announced Lance Delgado, Fire Management Officer. The prescribed fire will decrease the intensity of future wildfires and will also improve wildlife forage, rangeland, and plant vigor to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

“Smoke will impact visitors in the immediate area of the burn as well as downwind. Visibility along highway 26 between Blue Mountain Summit and Austin Junction may also be impaired, particularly during the morning and evening hours for several days after the ignition is complete, so please drive with caution,” said Delgado. “Ignition operations are expected to take several weeks once we begin, and we expect to continue with the burning depending on weather conditions.”

A map will be posted at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor’s office in John Day and at the Prairie City Ranger District office.

Anyone concerned about a fire is encouraged to call the Malheur National Forest dispatch office at 541-575-1321.

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