



Malheur National Forest

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PRESCRIBED FIRE PLANNED FOR PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT

John Day, OR - If weather conditions permit the Prairie City Ranger District fire officials will ignite the 150 acre Overholt Creek unit north of Strawberry Mountain and south of Prairie City around noon today. The purpose of prescribed fire is to decrease the intensity of future wildfires and also improve wildlife forage, rangeland and plant vigor to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

“We only ignite the prescribed fire if we have very specific favorable weather conditions,” announced Lance Delgado, Fire Management Officer. “If the unit is ignited, smoke will be visible from Prairie City and highway 26. Smoke may impact visitors in the immediate area of the burn as well as downwind. Visibility along highway 26 may also be impaired, particularly during the morning and evening hours for several days after the ignition is complete, so please drive with caution.”

All roads leading into the project will be posted but will remain open. Maps will be posted and are available at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor’s office in John Day, and Prairie City Ranger District.

For additional information contact the Malheur National Forest at 541-575-3000.

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