



Malheur National Forest

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PRESCRIBED BURNING ACTIVITIES CURTAILED

John Day, OR – The Malheur National Forest fire officials will curtail all prescribed burning operations through the opening weekend of elk season. Forest visitors may encounter smoky conditions in the Dry Fork of Clear Creek around the Frosty Gulch area, along the 16 Road in the Crane Prairie area and Flag Prairie area near Lightning Spring on the Prairie City Ranger District. Blue Mountain Ranger District has several areas that have visible smoke from burning activities over the last two weeks. These areas include areas north of Seneca, east of the Swick old growth along the 3925 Road, around the John Young Meadow, 2180/2480 Road and Murderer’s Creek along the 21 Road. The smoky conditions should dissipate over the next few days.

Cooler temperatures have eased the current fire danger but have not completely eliminated the risk of wildfire,” said Rob Batten, Malheur National Forest Deputy Fire Management Officer. “Therefore, we are still asking visitors to be extremely cautious with anything that could start a fire. Historically, unattended campfires and warming fires, or campfires that have not been completely extinguished, have been our biggest human caused reason for wildfires. Campers and visitors to the forest are urged to make sure their campfires are completely put out and not left unattended.”

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