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PRESCRIBED FIRE PLANNED FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

John Day, OR - The Blue Mountain Ranger District will begin their spring prescribed burning in Antelope Valley, approximately 6 miles east of Seneca and South of County Road 16 beginning on June 3, announced Steve Cross, Blue Mountain Fire Management Officer. The prescribed fire will decrease the intensity of future wildfires and will improve wildlife forage, rangeland, and plant vigor to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

"Smoke will be visible from Highway 395 South and from Seneca and will impact visitors in the immediate area of the burn in addition to those downwind," said Cross. "Visibility in the vicinity of the prescribed burn along county Road 16 may also be impaired, particularly during the morning and evening hours for several days after the ignition is complete so visitors in the area are asked to drive with caution".

Ignition operations are expected to take 2 to 3 days once the project begins and it is anticipated that burning will continue through mid-June.

A map will be posted at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's office in John Day

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

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