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Prescribed Burn Scheduled Near Ochoco Ranger Station Today

PRINEVILLE-Forest Service Fuels Specialists from the Ochoco National Forest will ignite a prescribed burn today adjacent to the Ochoco Ranger Station, located approximately 20 miles east of Prineville on Forest Road 22. The 150-acre project area has been treated in the past with periodic prescribed fire applications, tree harvesting and commercial thinning. This treatment is a maintenance burn to keep hazardous fuels at a relatively low level in an area that is used heavily by the recreating public.

Smoke generated by the burn may impact Forest Road (FR) 42 and the junction of FR 42 & FR 22. Signs will be posted during burning operations to inform the public of the potential for limited visibility.

Forest visitors are advised to either avoid or use caution if traveling through recently burned areas, as there is potential risk of being hit by fire-weakened timber, rolling debris, or receiving burns from stepping into smoldering stump holes.

The Forest Service adheres to the guidelines of the Oregon Department of Forestry's Smoke Management Plan prior to conducting controlled burns.

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