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Controlled Burn Planned Near Highway 20, Sisters

SISTERS—Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, are planning (weather dependant) a 71-acre controlled burn near Sisters to occur on Monday, April 27th. The burn will be located approximately five miles northwest of Sisters off of the Cold Springs cut off road.

Flaggers and a pilot car may be used if determined necessary due to expected smoke impacts to Highway 20.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Fire specialists will postpone burning if winds are not forecasted to disperse smoke to less-populated areas.

Smoke might settle with cooler air in evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so nearby residents should close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures.

The burn may be postponed to a later date if weather conditions are unfavorable. For more information, contact Trevor Miller, Sisters Ranger District at (541) 549-7638.

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