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## News Release

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The Lewis & Clark National Forest intends to implement several prescribed burning projects on the Judith, Musselshell, Belt Creek, and White Sulphur Springs Ranger Districts this coming spring. Burning may begin as soon as weather and fuel conditions permit and could occur from mid-March through mid-June. Prescribed fires are planned for multiple locations in the Little Belt Mountains and in the Little Snowy Mountains. Objectives for these burns may include enhancing range resources and wildlife habitat, reducing hazardous fuel accumulation, mitigating the threat to adjacent private lands from wildfire, improving forest health, and facilitating quaking aspen recovery.

### **Little Belt Mountains:**

On the Musselshell and Judith Ranger Districts two prescribed burns are planned. One burn, approximately 1200 acres in size, will be located approximately 15 miles north of Two Dot. The other burn will be approximately 70 acres in size and will be located 1.5 miles southeast of Sapphire Village, near the historic Judith Ranger Station. For further information, contact Darwin Reynolds or Kip Colby at (406) 632-4391, or Matt Plagenz at (406) 566-2292.

On the Belt Creek and White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, several fires are planned. A highly visible project, the Monarch /Neihart Unit #1 burn will treat 116 acres immediately north of Monarch along highway 89. Within the Dry Fork of Belt Creek drainage, eight units totaling roughly 627 acres will be burned east of Monarch along the south side of the Dry Fork Road. Within the Logging Creek Drainage, the Lick Creek prescribed fire will burn roughly 854 acres. Finally, approximately 25 acres will be burned with the Highway 89 Hazardous Fuels Reduction project near Newlan Creek. For further information, contact Jess Secrest, Kings Hill Zone Fire Management Officer, at (406) 547-6015.

### **Little Snowy Mountains:**

On the Musselshell Ranger District, a prescribed burn will be approximately 30 miles northwest of Roundup in the Little Snowy Mountains involving approximately 300 acres. For further information, contact Darwin Reynolds or Kip Colby at (406) 632-4391, or Matt Plagenz at 406-566-2292.

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