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Spring Prescribed Burning

JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, OR – Spring prescribed fire season is here and fire managers on the Malheur are evaluating conditions for conducting burns across the Malheur National Forest.

As part of the Malheur National Forest's hazardous fuels reduction program, each of the three districts are preparing for spring landscape prescribed burning in various areas on the forest.

Burns will take place over the next several months; exact days will vary depending on weather.

Landscape burning planned for this spring may include the following units:

- Dairy, Emigrant Creek Ranger District
- George, Emigrant Creek Ranger District
- Knox, Prairie City Ranger District
- Crawford Creek, Blue Mountain Ranger District
- Balance, Blue Mountain Ranger District
- Damon, Blue Mountain Ranger District
- 18 RD, Blue Mountain Ranger District

Burning may have some short-term impacts on air quality levels, but any burning activity will be accomplished during weather conditions that should minimize impacts of smoke on local communities.

Prescribed fires are an integral part of land management across the Malheur National Forest. Each of these burns represents many hours of planning and preparation. Specific weather and vegetative conditions must be in place in order to conduct these burns. Prescribed burns are designed to both reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires as well to restore overall health of the National Forest System lands.

Updates and maps will be available online at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur.

For further information, please call or visit one of our Forest Service offices:

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- **Emigrant Creek Ranger District:** 265 Highway 20 South, Hines, OR 97738 (541) 573-4300
- **Prairie City Ranger District:** 327 SW Front Street, Prairie City, OR 97869 (541) 820-3800

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