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News Release

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Thursday May 12, 2016 ***Spring Prescribed Burning Update***

JOHN DAY, PRAIRIE CITY, and HINES, OR – Conditions for conducting spring prescribed burnings across the Malheur National Forest continues to be evaluated by fire managers.

As part of the Forest's hazardous fuels reduction program, each of the three districts prepare and conduct spring landscape prescribed burning in various areas.

As of Thursday, May 12, burning is underway in various units across the forest. The burns are expected to continue through Saturday, May 14 when rains are forecasted to arrive in the area.

- Prairie City Ranger District is now in patrol status on the Knox unit in the southeast portion of the district after the completion of burning there.
- Emigrant Creek Ranger District is currently conducting a 5,000 acre burn over several days in the Dairy unit located in the southwest portion of the district, southwest of Delintment Lake with expected completion by Saturday, May 14.
- Blue Mountain Ranger District has completed burning a portion of the 18 Road unit and is now focusing on the Crawford unit.

Exact timing and amount of burning accomplished will be determined by weather, fuels conditions, and forecasted smoke dispersion. Adjustments to burning operations may be made accordingly.

Additional information and maps can be found online at InciWeb under *2016 Malheur NF Prescribed Burning* or directly at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4725/>.

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

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