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Modoc National Forest to Begin Fall Prescribed Burning

ALTURAS, Cal. – Fire managers on the Modoc National Forest will soon begin fall prescribed burning operations as part of an ongoing effort to reduce catastrophic wildfire potential and improve the overall health of forest ecosystems.

The Bench Maintenance Prescribed Burn is 2000 acres and located on the Doublehead Ranger District about five miles west of Tionesta near County Road 97.

The Snell Prescribed Burn is 147 acres and located on the Big Valley Ranger District about seven miles west of Long Bell Guard station near Snell Butte.

The Weed Valley Prescribed Burn is 1100 acres and located on the Devil's Garden Ranger District about five miles north of Crowder Flat Guard Station near Forest Service Road 48N08.

Prescribed burning is conducted in coordination with the California Air Resources Board and will only occur when atmospheric conditions are favorable for good smoke dispersal. Actual ignition days for prescribed burns depend on weather conditions meeting prescription parameters identified in the burn plan. This includes temperature, relative humidity, fuel moistures, wind speeds and direction.

Forest visitors can expect to see and smell smoke and observe glowing at night from the prescribed burns. Fire managers ask visitors to avoid areas near prescribed burns and realize some spur roads near prescribed burns may be inaccessible during prescribed burning operations.

Prescribed burning is a proactive tool that reduces fire danger to communities, lessens insect and disease outbreaks, improves wildlife habitat, and decreases the threat of high-severity wildfires.

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