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Pine Ridge Ranger District Prescribed Burns

Chadron, NE – The Pine Ridge Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands plans to prescribe burn two units this fall as conditions allow. The Lagoon Prescribed Fire unit is located approximately 10 miles south of Chadron, Nebraska, east of Highway 385, behind the Pine Ridge Job Corps Center. The Collins Prescribed Fire unit is located approximately seven miles southeast of Chadron, west of Bordeaux road.

“The primary purpose of the Lagoon Prescribed Fire is to decrease vegetation near the inlet and outlet pipes of the Pine Ridge Job Corps Center’s wastewater lagoon. Reducing the vegetation will also decrease root damage to the underground liner that protects the soil from contamination from this water.” said Michael Mattmiller, Acting District Fire Management Officer.

Mattmiller added, “The Collins Prescribed Fire is intended to lessen the severity of future wildfires by reducing available fuels. Clearing the area of ground fuels and dense stands of small Ponderosa Pine trees will also enhance range conditions for the benefit of both livestock grazing and wildlife habitat.”

District Ranger Tim Buskirk noted, “Maps of the burn areas available at the Pine Ridge Ranger District office at 125 North Main in Chadron. If folks have questions, they are more than welcome to stop in or call us at 308-432-0300.”

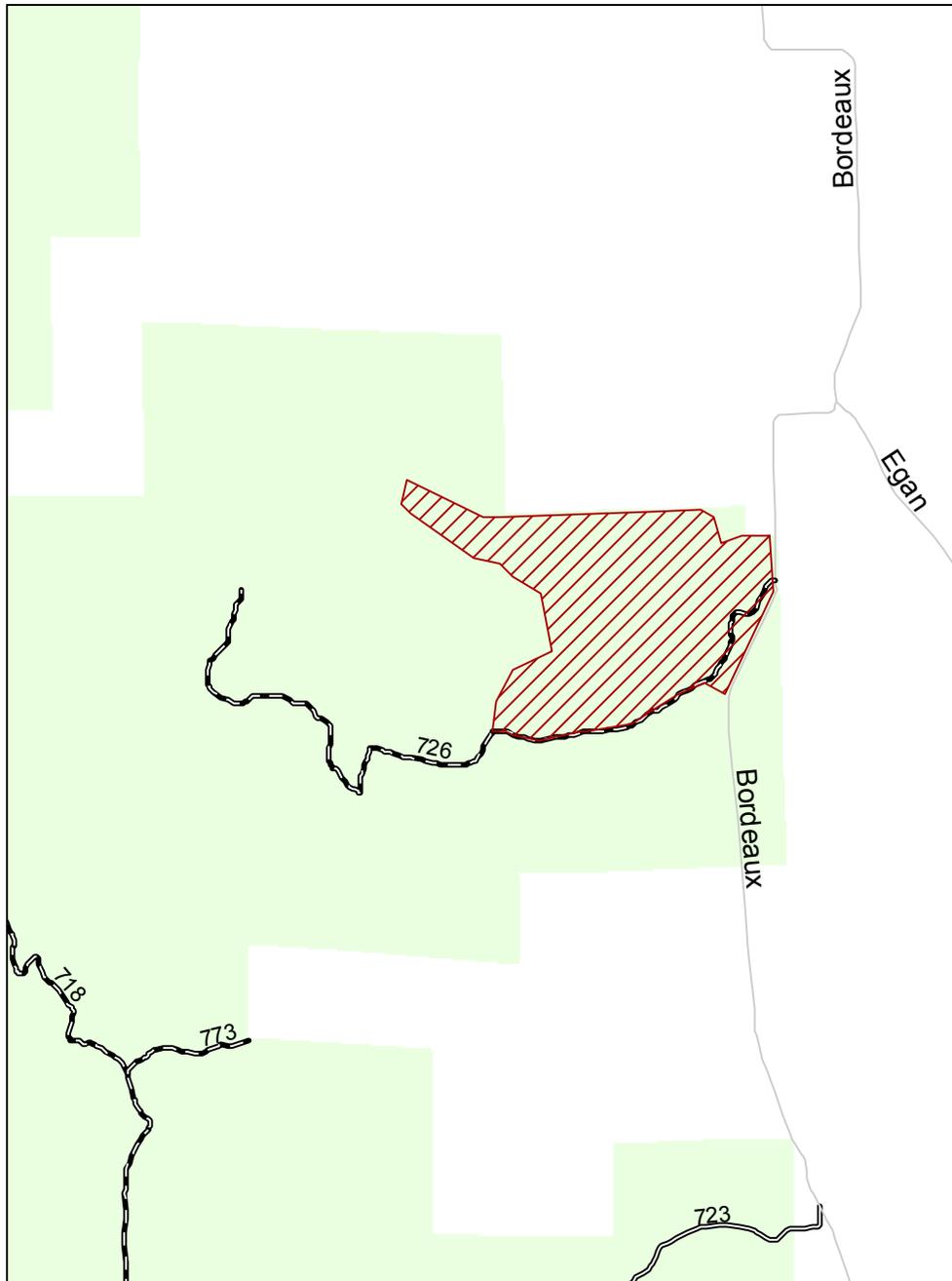
Considerations prior to ignition for all prescribed fires include, weather conditions and forecasts, fuel moistures, smoke dispersal and staffing.

The Pine Ridge District will notify adjacent landowners as well as local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and the media prior to the initiating these burns.

Smoke may be visible from Highway 385 and 20 and from the communities of Chadron, Hay Springs, and Crawford.

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Collons Allotment Prescribed Burn Location on the Nebraska National Forest



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Legend

 Collons Allotment Prescribed Burn

Forest System Roads

 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong

 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong

 Other Public Roads

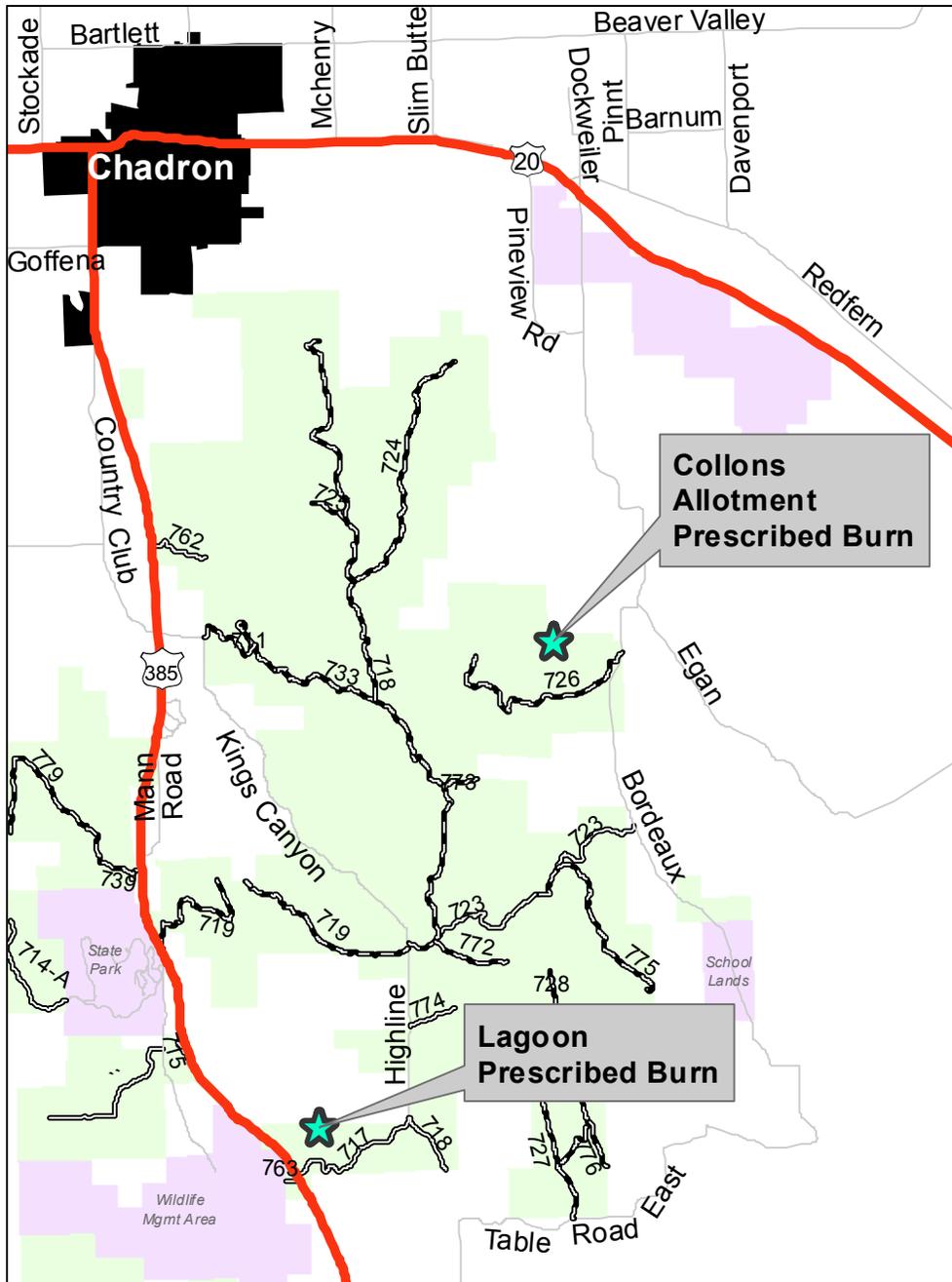
Land Status

 National Forest System Lands

0 0.75 1.5 Miles



Planned Prescribed Burn Locations on the Nebraska National Forest



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State or US Highway

Other Public Roads

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State Lands



