



## FACTSHEET

# Oak/Blueberry Prescribed Fire

**Date Issued:** April 26, 2018

**Prescribed Fire Information:** 218-208-3969 or [snfwestzonepio@gmail.com](mailto:snfwestzonepio@gmail.com)

**Anticipated Scheduling of Prescribed Fires:** The US Forest Service plans to implement several prescribed fire projects in the CR 116 (Echo Trail) area starting this spring. The actual date of ignition is dependent on many factors including: snow cover, fuel moisture, relative humidity, temperature, wind, etc.

**Size and Location:** In northeastern Minnesota, St. Louis County on the LaCroix Ranger District of the Superior National Forest near Echo Lake and Lake Jeanette and County Road 116 (Echo Trail), outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The project names, legal location, and acreage include:

- Cold Springs T65N, R15W S10 (5 acres)
- Moose Ridge T65N, R16W S1 (100 acres)

**Description:** The Oak/Blueberry Prescribed Burn Units are located on rocky knobs and outcroppings where the snow melts first. These prescribed fires are typically done when there is still some snow or moisture in the forested areas. The purpose of these burns is habitat restoration for wildlife and ecosystem management. Fire reduces competing vegetation and allows oak trees and blueberry plants to thrive in the future. Wildlife benefit from increased oak acorns and blueberries. Depending on wind direction, some visitors on the Echo Trail may experience smoke. Fire crews will monitor the prescribed fire until it is declared out. No closures are expected for these prescribed fire units.

**Resources:** Holding crews and ignition crews of firefighters will be working directly on the prescribed fires while they are active. Fire crews may conduct preparations in the area prior to completion of the prescribed fires and continue to monitor after they are completed.



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