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PRESCRIBED BURNING PLANNED ON THE SALMON RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

The U.S. Forest Service, Salmon River Ranger District will be utilizing prescribed fire to meet ecosystem management objectives in the Slate Creek, South Fork Squaw Creek, North Fork Squaw Creek, and Kessler Creek drainages this year. The prescribed burning will take place this spring when weather and environmental conditions are favorable to meet resource objectives.

The prescribed burning will treat natural fuels to meet resource objectives. The prescribed burning is designed to improve habitat for wildlife, reduce the natural fuels accumulations, enhance forest health, and re-introduce fire into a fire dependant ecosystem.

A total of approximately 5000 acres could be treated with prescribed fire. This activity is weather dependant and may begin as early as April 1. Associated patrols and holding and/or mop-up activities could extend for several weeks. Hand and aerial ignition sources will be used. The aerial ignition will be accomplished using a helicopter and a "Primo Mark III" plastic sphere dispenser.

For more information, please contact Kevin Chaffee, Steve Munson, or Andrew Lane at the Salmon River Ranger District office at Slate Creek, at (208) 839-2211.

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