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## Prescribed Burns Planned for Gooseneast Ranger District

**YREKA, CA** - The Gooseneast Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest is planning three prescribed underburn projects to be accomplished between September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - conditions permitting. A total of 724 acres are being planned that will introduce fire back into the ecosystem with low-intensity underburns that are intended to reduce fuel or vegetative build-up and to mitigate the severity of future wildfires, as well as enhance wildlife habitat.

The 327 acre Late-Successional Reserve Underburn is located 6 miles west of Macdoel, CA. The legal location is Township 46 North, Range 2 West, portions of Sections 7, 8, 17-20, 30 and 31-33, Mount Diablo Meridian.

The 274 acre Pomeroy Underburn is located approximately two miles northeast of the Deer Mountain Lodge (located on Highway 97 and the Forest Service Road 19) and approximately two miles north of the Deer Mountain Snow Park along the 44N23 Road.

The 123 acre Little Deer Underburn is located approximately three miles southwest of the intersection of Highway 97 and the Forest Service Road 77 (also known as the Tennant Road), along the 44N27 Road, north of Little Deer Mountain.

Hand piles and machine piles are also planned to be burned as weather and conditions permit. The pile burning will take place at various locations throughout the district. Burning operations will be accomplished in accordance with an approved burn plan which states specifically how and when to implement the burn and the expected results. Environmental needs

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and restrictions have been analyzed and incorporated in the burn plan to meet land management objectives and public concerns. The burning will be conducted under the specific standards and guidelines of a smoke management plan to minimize the effects of smoke on adjacent communities and the general public.

Caution should be exercised by anyone planning to travel adjacent to the prescribed burns. Travelers should be prepared to experience periods of smoke along the 44N27 and 44N23 roads, and other secondary forest roads in the area.

Specific dates for these prescribed burns may be announced in the local newspaper or broadcast on the radio shortly before implementation. All efforts will be made to minimize or direct smoke impacts away from populated areas, but the public should expect some days with visible smoke. For additional information, please contact Ron McEwen, District Fuels Officer at (530) 398-5731.