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Prescribed Burns Planned on the Klamath National Forest

YREKA, CA - The Klamath National Forest announces prescribed burning projects that will reintroduce fire back into the ecosystem under established and controlled burning conditions. Low intensity underburns and burning of piled materials will be utilized to reduce vegetative build-up with the objectives of mitigating the severity of future wildfires, enhancing wildlife habitat, and improving the overall health of the forest.

The following prescribed fire projects are planned to be accomplished this fall in these locations:

Salmon River

Sawyers Bar Fuels Reduction – 2,800 acres on the south face of Tanners Peak

Long Gibson – 800 acres, five miles south of Cecilville

Glassups – 200 acres, one mile south of Sawyers Bar

Crapo – 24 acres, two miles southeast of Sauerkraut Peak

Scott River

Deep – 1,800 acres, fifteen miles west of Fort Jones

- In addition, burning of piled materials is scheduled for 1,400 acres across the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District.

For more information on burning projects on the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District, please contact:
Josh Schmalenberger (530) 468-1269.

Gooseneck

- 274 acres of underburning, approximately two miles northeast of the Deer Mountain Lodge (located on Highway 97 and the Forest Service 19 Road) and approximately two miles north of the Deer Mountain Snow Park along the 44N23 Road.

- 135 acres of underburning, in vicinity of Baird Springs, approximately two miles southeast of Tennant. This project is part of a continuing research project to assess the effects that different treatments have on improving forest health and timber production.
- 335 acres of piles are planned to be burned in the area located four miles west of Macdoel, CA on the eastern and northeastern slopes of Ball Mountain. It is located in the Seikel, Muskgrave, and Harris Creek sub-watersheds.
- In addition, burning of piled materials is scheduled for 2,000 acres across the Goosenest Ranger District.

For more information on burning projects on the Goosenest Ranger District, please contact: *Ron McEwen* (530) 398 5731.

The prescribed burning will be conducted on days when conditions for managing fire intensity and smoke production are within acceptable guidelines. The objectives of these fuel reduction projects are to reduce hazardous fuel levels and to provide for safer communities while improving the overall health of the forest.

All prescribed burning operations will be accomplished in accordance with an approved burn plan, which states specifically how and when to safely implement the burn and the expected results. All smoke management guidelines and laws will be closely followed.