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## Forest Service News Release

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### Malheur National Forest Begins Prescribed Fire Operations

*Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work*

**Prairie City, Ore. (May 5, 2025)**— Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District is planning prescribed fire operations. We estimate this work to continue through the spring as weather conditions allow. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

Prescribed fires planned for the area include:

- Elk 16FB and 16C Units, located near Elk Creek Campground along Forest Service Road 16. (Elk Creek Campground may not be open during ignitions)
- Summit 18 Unit, located approximately 2 miles north of Frazier Lookout along Forest Service Road 1643.

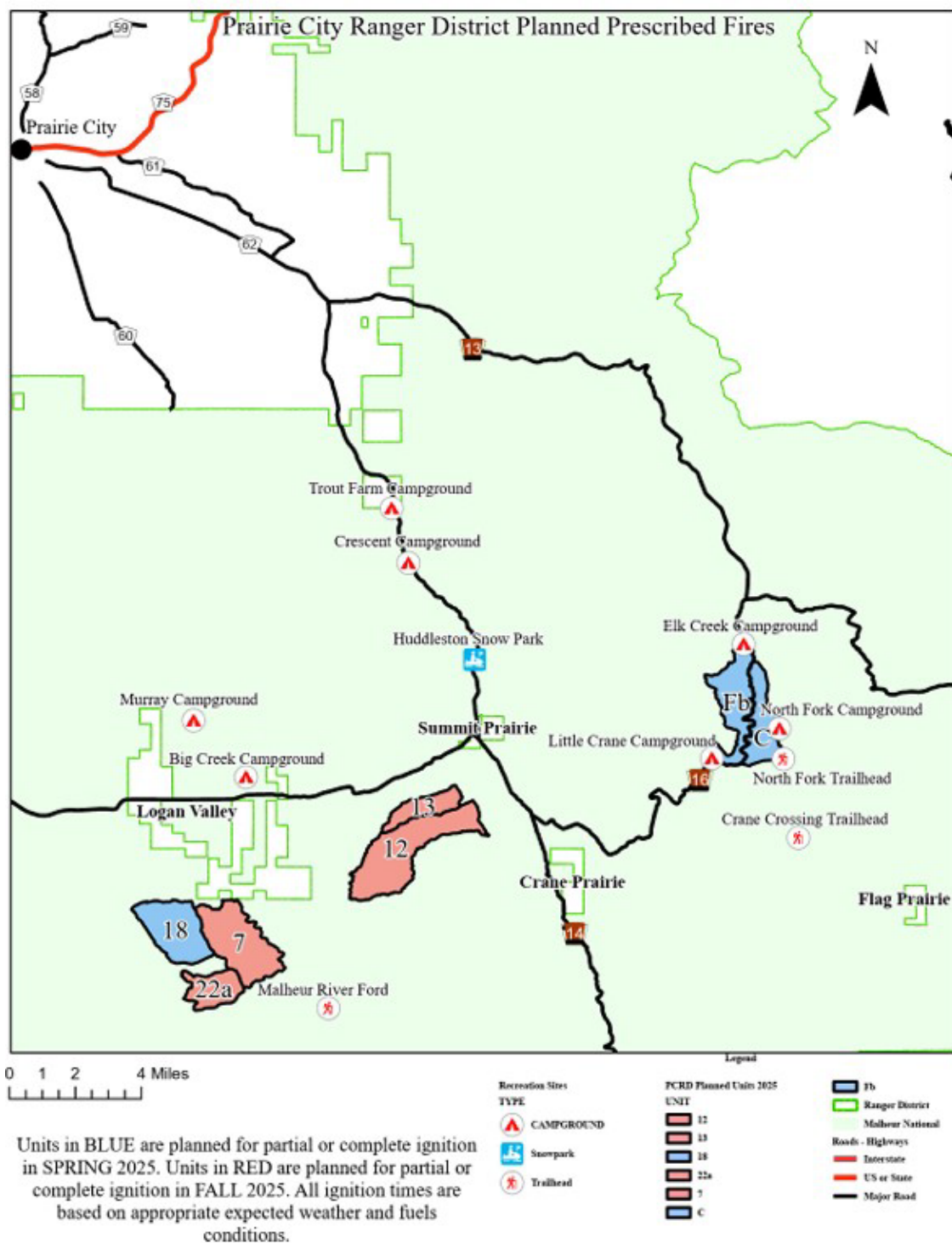
The area may be closed to the public for several days for public safety. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns. Go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/> to find more detailed information about air quality. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the forest website, [Tri-Forest Prescribed Fire Map](#), social media channels, and [InciWeb](#), the interagency incident information system. We will notify county emergency management officials when burning begins.

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