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## BLM to Conduct Fall Burns at North Bank Ranch

(Roseburg, OR) – In an effort to maintain and enhance habitat for the Columbian White-tailed Deer and native plants, the Bureau of Land Management is planning to conduct a prescribed burn on the North Bank Habitat Management Area approximately three miles southeast of Sutherlin and ten miles northeast of Roseburg.

The burn is being designed and accomplished in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Douglas Forest Protective Association,. Fall burning will be dependant on favorable weather conditions and could begin later this week. During the burn, the west entrances of the NBHMA will be closed to the public. Information about the burn will be posted on the at west and main entrance kiosks.

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**About the BLM -- The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The BLM accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.**

