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Controlled Burn Scheduled on BLM Lands Near Prineville

PRINEVILLE—Bureau of Land Management fuels specialists will be igniting a 200-acre prescribed burn this afternoon in a forested juniper stand located approximately six miles outside of Prineville. The project area is located along the George Millican Road and will be visible to motorists from the county road. Smoke is expected to dissipate enough so that motorists will not be impacted. If smoke is lingering along the road way, motorists are advised to turn on lights and proceed with caution. It is expected the burn will take several days to complete, depending upon weather conditions. It is possible that residual smoke may remain in the area for a couple of weeks. Residents are advised to keep doors and windows of structures closed to minimize potential impacts from smoke.

All controlled burns are weather dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan.

The Bureau of Land Management 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 Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The Bureau of Land Management'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 Bureau 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.

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