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FALL SEASON CONTROLLED BURNS – OCHOCO NATIONAL FOREST &
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PRINEVILLE-It's time for another round of fall season controlled burn ignitions on the Ochoco National Forest and the Prineville Bureau of Land Management. The objective of these burns is to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels on public lands. The burns will be conducted as weather permits for the month of October and possibly into the first part of November. Fire managers have targeted a total of 5,000 acres for accomplishing fuels reduction objectives, primarily on the Lookout Mountain and Paulina Ranger Districts. More specifically, the projects are located in the Big Summit (South Prairie), Foley, Mill Creek, Marks Creek (Spears), Deep Creek and Flat Bucket areas. Each project is expected to take two to three days to complete.

Fuels specialists are tentatively planning the first 1,000-acre controlled burn for ignition sometime this week. This burn will be on the south side of Big Summit Prairie on Prineville Bureau of Land Management administered lands. Smoke from the burn may impact visibility on Forest Road 42; motorists are advised to reduce speeds and turn lights on when traveling through burn project areas.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Controlled burn projects will be patrolled for several days after ignition to ensure they stay contained within the project area. For additional information, contact Jeff Bell at (541) 416-6417. For a map of the prescribed burn project locations, visit www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/fire

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