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Small Controlled Burn At Black Butte

Sisters—Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, will conduct a 50-acre prescribed burn, northwest of Black Butte Ranch and north of Hwy 20, tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 16. The burn project area is two miles south of Camp Sherman along Forest Road 14.

Drivers on Forest Road 14 should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling by the burn and any potentially smoke-impacted areas.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Fire specialists will postpone burning if winds are not forecasted to disperse smoke to the less-populated areas.

Smoke may settle with cooler air in the evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so residents in Metolius Meadows, Metolius River residence and Camp Sherman may want to close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures.

The burn may be postponed to a later date if weather conditions are unfavorable. For more information, contact Trevor Miller, Sisters Ranger District, at (541) 549-7700.