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### **PRESCRIBED BURNS PLANNED NORTH OF POTOMAC**

MISSOULA, (April 24, 2006) – The Missoula Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing for prescribed burns in the Elk Creek and Keno Creek drainages about ten miles southeast of Greenough. The burn will take up to five days to complete and will take place when weather and fuel conditions are favorable, but could occur anytime during the next month.

The prescribed burns will reduce the amount of fuel in the area by removing hazardous fuels. By removing the small, “ladder fuels” and down woody debris, the risk of large, catastrophic wildfires is also reduced. Fuels specialists are attempting to restore the historic conditions characterized by large diameter western larch and Douglas fir with intermittent openings.

Fire fighters will treat the 222 acre area using drip torches to burn the smaller vegetation. If you have questions, or want more information about the prescribed burns, please contact Shelagh Fox or Katie Albritton at the Missoula Field Office, phone 329-3914.