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Controlled Burn Planned Near Highway 20, Sisters

SISTERS—Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, are planning a 42-acre controlled burn near Sisters to occur today. The burn project is located approximately three miles northwest of Sisters near the Cascade Meadow Ranch community.

The project is planned to reduce the threat of wildfires in an area where private residences are adjacent to the national forest boundary. By reducing the amount of fuels on the ground now, any wildfires that may ignite in the future, in this particular area, will burn with less intensity.

Flaggers and a pilot car may be used if determined necessary due to potential smoke impacts along Highway 20. Drivers should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling through 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 nearby residents in Cascade Meadow Ranch and along Indian Ford Creek should close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures.

The burn may be postponed to a later date if weather conditions are unfavorable. This particular controlled burn is expected to be completed within one day. For more information, contact Trevor Miller, Sisters Ranger District at (541) 549-7638.

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