

Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests
Office of Communications
www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon

For Immediate Release: September 23, 2008

Contact: Jean Nelson-Dean, Office of Communications, 541-383-5576

Controlled Burn Planned Near Sisters, Oregon

SISTERS—Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, are planning (weather dependant) two controlled burns near Sisters, Ore between September 24 and 26, 2008.

The 30-acre and 58-acre controlled burns are located approximately four miles north of Camp Sherman (off the 14 road) and six miles northwest of Sisters near the junction of Highway 20 and Indian Ford Road, respectively.

Flaggers and a pilot car may be used if determined necessary due to expected smoke impacts to Highway 20.

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

Smoke might settle with cooler air in evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so nearby residents 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. For more information, contact Sisters Ranger District at (541) 549-7700.

-End-