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Prescribed Burning Planned for Blue Mountain April 28

Missoula, MT. – Fire managers with the Missoula Ranger District plan to conduct prescribed burning Monday, April 28 on 38 acres of forest system lands in the Blue Mountain area, weather and fuel conditions permitting. The ignition will only occur if conditions for operational safety, air quality and weather are met. The public can expect to see smoke in the area.

The acres planned for burning were previously thinned as part of a fuel reduction project. Fire managers often do prescribed burning in an area that has been thinned to reduce leftover slash and regenerate soil and vegetation. The burning is intended to meet the following resource objectives:

- Reduce summer wildfire hazard through controlled low intensity prescribed fire
- Reduce young Douglas-fir density and promote Ponderosa Pine regeneration
- Reduce shrub density and enhance available forage for wildlife
- Promote the vigor of Ponderosa Pine overstory.

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