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Prescribed Burning Planned on the Powell Ranger District

Powell, ID—The Clearwater National Forest’s Powell Ranger District will be igniting a series of prescribed fires this fall between Post Office and Doe Creek drainages, north of the Lochsa River and south of Deep Saddle.

According to Powell Ranger District Fire Management Officer Mark Wilson, the burns are designed to achieve a variety of purposes. “The prescribed burning is designed to reduce fuel accumulations, enhance forest health and re-introduce fire into fire-dependant ecosystems,” he explained.

Wilson said between 700 and 950 acres will be treated with fire when weather and environmental conditions are favorable for burning—as early as mid-September or as late as early November.

Prescribed fire will also be used to treat logging slash in the Beaver Triangle Timber Sale located on Beaver Ridge. The project area is located off Beaver Ridge Road 369 and Beaver Meadows Road 368, approximately eight miles northeast of the Powell Ranger Station.

Temporary area closures may be necessary for public safety during periods of active burning. These will be announced and posted on the Forest’s website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/>.

Individuals wanting additional information concerning this project should contact Mark Wilson or Matt Young, fire management personnel on the Powell Ranger District, at (208)942-3113.

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