

NEWS RELEASE

USDA – Colville National Forest, 765 South Main Street, Colville, WA 99114

For immediate release

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Subject: Prescribed fires are planned for Colville National Forest

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Prescribed fires will be implemented throughout Colville National Forest this spring, as conditions permit. These fires are ignited when environmental factors such as wind, temperature, and relative humidity are favorable.

Prescribed fires are an effective tool for restoring fire dependant ecosystems. They mimic natural fires by reducing forest fuels, recycling nutrients and increasing habitat diversity. Each fire is designed to meet specific objectives such as improving wildlife habitat, creating defensible space around a housing area, preparing a site for tree planting, or maintaining vigorous range vegetation. These fires are managed with firefighter and public safety as the first priority.

Every effort is made to minimize smoke impacts, including complying with state and federal air quality regulations, posting warning signs in project areas, and burning when smoke dispersion is favorable. It is impossible to predict weather patterns and smoke behavior with complete accuracy; some smoke impacts may occur.

Below is a list of the burns that are planned for this spring. If you have questions about a specific prescribed fire, please contact the appropriate district office.

Three Rivers Ranger District

255 West 11th, Kettle Falls, WA, 509-738-7700

- Orient
- Burnt Valley
- Bangs
- Coyote

Republic Ranger District

650 East Delaware Ave, Republic, WA, 509-775-7400

- Boundary Mountain
- Sheep Mountain
- Golden Harvest Creek
- North Fork Boulder Creek
- West Deer Creek
- Tonata Creek
- Emmanuel Creek
- Lake Butte

- Bamber Mountain

Newport District

315 North Warren, Newport, WA, 509-447-7300

- Half Moon Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Rx Burn
- Gibraltar Ridge
- Granite Peak
- Earthquake Timber Sale
- No Name Peak

Sullivan Lake District

12641 Sullivan Lake Road, Metaline Falls, WA, 509-446-7500

- Cascade Timber Sale
- Leadfoot Timber Sale
- Z Slumber Timber Sale
- Wolfman Timber Sale
- Tiger Meadows Timber Sale
- Dolomite Timber Sale
- Brown's Lake Timber Sale
- Werewolf Timber Sale
- Jim Creek Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Rx Burn

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