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Prescribed burns scheduled for spring

VALE, Oregon – The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management is planning five prescribed burns this spring, totaling 3,850 acres in Malheur and Baker counties.

A 100-acre burn at Castle Rock north of Beulah Reservoir will continue last year's efforts to reduce fuels in that area. An additional 1,000-acre juniper burn is planned west of Westfall.

A 2,000-acre prescribed burn to enhance vegetation diversity is planned for the Trout Creek Mountain range northwest of McDermitt.

In Baker County, 700 acres west of Durkee is slated for fuels reduction, with approximately 50 acres at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center slated for prescribed burning to enhance vegetation diversity and restore historic fire return intervals.

Weather conditions will be closely monitored, and appropriate fire suppression resources will be used to manage the burns.

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