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## **Prescribed Burning Planned for Seeley Lake District**

Missoula, MT. – The Seeley Lake Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest will conduct a prescribed fire in the Dick Creek area this spring if weather conditions become favorable. Burning could begin as early as mid-May.

This project is a joint effort between the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Lolo National Forest and is intended to enhance big game forage and reduce hazardous fuel conditions.

The Dick Creek area is located approximately 6 miles northeast of Ovando. The burning would include 1075 acres.

It is anticipated that smoke will be visible from Highways 83 and 200 once burning begins. The specific date of the burn will be announced by the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

This burning will be conducted under the terms and conditions of a permit from the Montana State Department of Environmental Quality, which includes requirements to minimize the impacts of smoke to the public.

For additional information contact the Seeley Lake Ranger District at 406-677-2233.

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