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**Several Controlled Burns Scheduled This Week**

CENTRAL OREGON—Several controlled burns are scheduled for ignition in Central Oregon the week of May 19, 2008. The burning projects are on the Deschutes National Forest near the communities Bend, Crescent, La Pine and Camp Sherman.

**Controlled Burn Near Bend**

A considerable smoke column will be visible from Bend, tentatively scheduled at approximately 12 noon Wednesday, May 21. The “Fuzzy” burn project, which consists of one 600-acre burn block, will occur in the Coyote Butte area approximately seven miles SE of Bend.

Fire managers will burn from an established control line prior to utilizing a helicopter equipped with an aerial ignition device to light the burn. Cooperating agencies include the Deschutes National Forest, Prineville Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bend Fire Department, Sunriver Fire Department and the Redmond Hotshots.

**Controlled Burn Near Crescent**

Deschutes National Forest fuels specialists, in cooperation with the Walker Range Patrol Association and the Redmond Hotshots, are planning to ignite a 150-acre controlled burn located approximately ten miles south of Crescent and three miles east of Highway 97. Potential for smoke along the Hwy 97 corridor is minimal. If smoke is present, motorists should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution.

The project is scheduled to begin at approximately 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 20 and is expected to take one day for burning and two days of mop up, dependent upon weather. For more information, contact Kevin Carlson at (541) 433-3214.

**Controlled Burn Near La Pine**

Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Prineville Interagency Hotshots, are planning to ignite a 107-acre controlled burn on Tuesday, May 20. The burn project area is located off County Road 43 approximately four miles N of Wickiup Reservoir. Drivers using County Road 43 should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling by the burn and any potentially smoke-impacted areas. Traffic signs will be posted in the burn area as needed.

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Smoke may settle with cooler air in the evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so residents in Fall River Estates may want to close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures.

The project is expected to take one day for burning and several days of mop up and patrol. For more information, contact Shannon Evans, Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, at (541) 383-4706.

### **Controlled Burn Near Camp Sherman**

Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Department of Corrections, are planning to ignite a total of 250 acres north of Hwy 20. This project could take place on May 20, 21 or 22. The first burn project area is 2.5 miles south of Camp Sherman and 2 miles north of Black Butte Ranch adjacent to Forest Road 14. The second burn project area is due west of the first burn location and adjacent to Deschutes Basin Land Trust lands.

Drivers on Forest Road 14 should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling by the burn and any potentially smoke-impacted areas.

Smoke may settle with cooler air in the evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so residents in Metolius Meadows and all Metolius River residence may want to close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures. For more information, contact Jinny Pitman, Sisters Ranger District, at (541) 549-7644.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Fire specialists will postpone burning if conditions are unfavorable or if winds are not forecasted for adequate smoke dispersal.

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