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Prescribed Burn West of La Pine

LA PINE—Fuels specialists from the Deschutes National Forest will be conducting a 107-acre burn starting today. The project is located two miles north of the Fall River Guard Station, ten miles west of La Pine and south of Round Mountain.

The objective of this controlled burn is to reduce the threat of wildfires by reducing hazardous fuels, while re-introducing the natural role of fire back into the ponderosa pine ecosystem. The burning operation is expected to take 1-2 days to complete, with crews remaining in the area to mop up and patrol through the weekend. Planned ignition time for this project is at 12 noon.

Motorists should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling through smoke-impacted areas along Forest Roads in the area.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan.

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