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Fall Prescribed Burning Initiated

Lakeview – The Lakeview Resource Area of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated prescribed burning this week near Duncan Reservoir.

Approximately 2500 acres of cut juniper are scheduled to be burned on public lands in this location. Depending upon weather conditions, ignitions will continue for approximately four weeks. While smoke is expected to disperse from the fires fairly quickly, it may be visible from as far away as Silver Lake and Christmas Valley. The objective of this burn includes decreasing the risk of destructive wildfire and improving wildlife habitat.

An additional 4,000 acres of pile burns are planned throughout the fall and winter on BLM-managed lands near Paisley, Silver Lake and Christmas Valley, as the weather allows.

Fire crews from the U.S. Forest Service will assist the BLM with all scheduled burn activities.

"Weather, access and fuel conditions are all variables taken into consideration when planning prescribed burning operations," said Philip Blythe, Prescribed Fire and Fuels Planner. "Firefighter and public safety are our paramount concerns while conducting these operations."

For more information about these prescribed fires, please call the BLM at (541) 947-2177.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

