



Forest Service News Release

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Prescribed Fire Operations Update

John Day, Prairie City and Hines, OR. – (October 29, 2021) Fire officials continue to monitor conditions for prescribed fire operations daily. All prescribed burn activity is weather and condition dependent.

Emigrant Creek Ranger District completed approximately 1000 acres of hand and grapple piles in the Wolf and Tarzan Project areas with an estimated total of 1500 acres by the end of the week. Approximately 1800 acres of landing piles completed in Wolf and W2_URU project areas with an estimated total 2400 acres completed by the end of the week. Crews will be burning both grapple and landing piles in the Wolf, Mud, Dry, Upper Pine, Flat and possibly Marshal Devine units for the remainder of this week and into the coming week.

Prairie City Ranger District has completed about 200 acres of hand piles in the Dad's Project Area and will continue to finish the remaining 40 acres before moving into the Summit Project area (Summit Prairie) and Elk 16 project area (Crane Prairie) for the remainder of the week.

Blue Mountain Ranger District will be burning grapple and landing piles in the Davis Creek, Jungle Creek and Big Creek areas for the remainder of the week.

For the safety of firefighters and the public, roads and areas of prescribed fire activity will be signed. Please avoid these areas so as not to interfere with ongoing operations. For safety, roads, trails and areas may need to close temporarily as firefighter operations are taking place. Smoky conditions may also reduce visibility to a level that would require additional temporary closures. During prescribed fire operations, there is potential for impacts to camping and hunting. Hunters are advised to plan ahead; for their safety, they should not camp in or near an area of prescribed fire activity.

With the potential for smoke to settle in certain areas during active operations, the public can monitor the smoke and air quality in our area and across the state by visiting <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>.

Additional information regarding prescribed burning on the Malheur National Forest is available on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7426>, or by viewing the Prescribed Fire Activity interactive map at [USFS R6 Tri-Forest Prescribed Fire Map](#).

For further information on the Malheur National Forest, please visit us at www.fs.usda.gov/malheur or call the Supervisor's Office at 541-575-3000.