

Malheur National Forest, Region 6

Forest Service News Release

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Prescribed Fire Operations Update

John Day, Prairie City and Hines, OR. – (November 2, 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 will continue pile and landing pile burning through this week in Wolf, Upper Pine, Dove, Marshall Devine and Flat project areas.

Prairie City Ranger District will be burning hand piles in the Elk 16 project area (Crane Prairie) and Summit project area (Summit Prairie) this week.

Blue Mountain Ranger District will be burning grapple and landing piles in the Big Creek Mosquito project area in the Big Creek area 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 <u>https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7426</u>, 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 <u>www.fs.usda.gov/malheur</u> or call the Supervisor's Office at 541-575-3000.