



Forest Service News Release

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Prescribed Fire Operations Update

John Day, Prairie City and Hines, OR. – (November 8, 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 has completed over 3000 acres of grapple and hand pile burning in the MD, Mud, Tarzan, Wolf, Upper Pine and Dove units. Approximately 2000 acres of landing piles have been completed in the Wolf and W2_URU units. This week crews will continue work on hand and grapple piles in MD, Wolf, Upper Pine, Dove and Flat units and landing piles in Wolf, Fly, Soldier and TC units.

Prairie City Ranger District has completed 981 acres of grapple and hand piles in the Summit project area (Summit Prairie) and 346 acres of grapple and hand piles in the Elk 16 (Crane Prairie) project area. Pile burning will continue this week in both project areas, along with landing piles and pile clean up in the Black Butte Fire.

Blue Mountain Ranger District has completed approximately 1400 acres of landing piles and 690 acres of grapple and hand piles in the Sulphur, 18 Road, Starr Stew, Gibb and Big units. Work will continue this week on landing piles in Big Mosquito project area, along with hand piles in the Starr Stew area.

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](#).