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Boise National Forest prepares for spring prescribed burning

Boise, Idaho, March 23, 2023— As part of the Forest Service's Wildfire Crisis Strategy the Boise National Forest is planning a more active and robust prescribed fire burning season this spring. This investment is made possible through the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#).

Fire managers anticipate favorable spring weather conditions for planned low-intensity prescribed fires. These low-intensity prescribed fires reduce the risk of large wildfire potential to communities and other critical resources such as municipal watersheds and powerlines while promoting the growth of fire resilient trees and improving wildlife habitat.

Weather and conditions permitting, prescribed burns are scheduled to start in March and continue through June. Approximately 4,670 acres are planned for ignition in 11 project areas throughout the Boise National Forest.

Public and firefighter safety is the top priority in all public land fire operations. Fire managers develop burn plans accounting for safety, specific fuel and weather prescriptions and smoke management. All prescribed burns are closely evaluated and are only approved when favorable conditions are present.

Prescribed burns may affect people sensitive to smoke and may impact access to burn areas and travel routes. Fire officials strongly advise forest visitors and homeowners to prepare and plan activities around the proposed dates and locations of burns and to use extreme caution near prescribed fire areas.

Please be aware of firefighters and equipment in the area and on roadways, comply with posted notices and drive slowly in areas with decreased visibility. Information and signs will be posted on roads that access burn areas in advance of ignitions and remain in place through burn completion.

Visit the interactive map with the latest planned areas of prescribed fire treatments.
<http://bit.ly/SWIdahoRXFire>. Zoom into your areas of interest to get the latest information. The Idaho Department of Lands and Boise, Payette, and Sawtooth National Forests' planned prescribed fire treatments are featured and updated annually.

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Planned Boise National Forest spring prescribed burns include:

Idaho City Ranger District

- **Alder (250 acres):** located 3 miles north of Placerville, Idaho. This is a landscape burn (ground fire) using hand ignition to reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface.
- **Boise Basin Experimental Forest (300 acres):** located 2 miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. This is a landscape burn (ground fire) using hand ignition to reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface.
- **Little Ophir (300 acres):** located 4 miles west of Pioneerville, Idaho. This is a landscape burn (ground fire) using hand ignition to reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface area.
- **Mores South-Boulder Creek (250 acres):** located 3 miles east of Idaho City, Idaho. This is a landscape burn (ground fire) using hand ignition to reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface.

Mountain Home Ranger District

- **Lower Feather (752 acres):** located approximately 3 miles north of Featherville, Idaho, in the Feather River and Lincoln Creek drainages north of National Forest System (NFS) road 156. This is a landscape burn (ground fire) using hand ignition to reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface and may require multiple days of ignition.

Cascade Ranger District

- **Willow South (228 acres):** located approximately 8 miles west of Cascade, Idaho, This is a landscape burn using hand ignition intended to reduce activity fuel created from harvest operations and reduce fuel in the wildland urban interface.
- **French Campbell (68 acres):** located approximately 10 miles west of Cascade, Idaho, This is a landscape burn using hand ignition to reduce threat of wildland fire in the wildland urban interface.
- **Lost Horse (381 acres):** located approximately 22 miles southeast of Cascade, Idaho, This is a landscape burn using hand ignition to improve forest health.

Lowman Ranger District

- **West Lowman (1,007 acres):** located northeast of and immediately adjacent to Lowman, Idaho, This is a landscape burn using hand ignition over multiple days to improve wildlife habitat and forest health conditions.

Emmett Ranger District

- **Williams Creek (174 acres):** located approximately 8 miles north of Banks, Idaho. This is a landscape burn using hand ignition and aerial ignition to reduce activity fuel created by timber harvesting operations and to improve forest resiliency.
- **Pinney Slope (960 acres):** located approximately 6 miles north of Crouch, Idaho, in the Pinney Creek drainage. This is a landscape burn (surface fire) using hand and aerial ignition to promote restoration of the forest landscape.

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