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# **News Release**

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## Southwest Idaho Wildfire Crisis Strategy Prescribed Burn

Monday, September 25th Active unit/projects

Each prescribed burn project in the Southwest Idaho Wildfire Crisis Strategy Prescribed Burn area is divided into smaller units for fire operations, allowing firefighters to manage and control the burning area.

## **Council Ranger District:**

Weasel (13 miles Northwest of Council) – Saturday and Sunday helicopter and hand ignitions resulted in firefighters successfully treating 250 acres in the Pike Mtn. area. Today crews will clean up in the targeted area and intend to burn approximately 50 acres.

## Weiser Ranger District:

Robinson (22 miles Northwest of Weiser) – Weekend work resulted in an additional 75 acres of prescribed burn treatment. Windy conditions today will have crews patrolling and monitoring. No burning is planned for today.

### **New Meadows Ranger District:**

Brush (10 miles Northwest of New Meadows) – Approximately 65 acres were covered over the weekend. Windy conditions on Sunday had crews holding off on extensive burning. With exterior "black line" in place, today's plan is to use helicopter ignitions on the interior of the targeted burn area with the potential to treat 300 acres.

Cold (Lost Valley Reservoir area) – Patrol and Monitoring continues. A human-caused wildfire occurred next to the burn area; it was successfully contained.

Goose Creek –Weekend patrols reported the prescribed burn area is stable. Daily periodic checking is planned.

An overview of all the planned prescribed burn areas in the Payette National Forests is available here: <u>bit.ly/PNFprescribedburn2023</u>

For the most current information about prescribed burning projects please visit the Payette Facebook page or visit the Payette National Forest planned fuels treatments map at <u>https://tinyurl.com/Payette-Prescribed-Fire-Map</u>

For more information on the Forest Service Wildfire Crisis Strategy and the Southwest Idaho Landscape project, visit this link: <u>Southwest Idaho Landscape Project</u>

