

## Controlled burn planned near Sisters, Black Butte Ranch

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Crescent, Oregon – Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists from the Crescent Ranger District are planning to conduct a series of controlled burns approximately ten miles south of Crescent on Thursday, April 5. There are two units scheduled for burning that total 775 acres in size. The purpose of the project is to eliminate hazardous ground fuels and to stimulate the growth of the larger trees. The units will be lit separately to reduce the potential smoke impacts. Smoke from the burn may be visible from the Highway 97, but is not expected to affect driver visibility. If smoke drifts onto roadways, motorists should reduce speeds and turn on headlights. Smoke produced by this burn is expected to be short-term with little next day effects. All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Fire specialists will postpone burning if winds are not forecasted to disperse smoke to less-populated areas. For more information, please call the Crescent Ranger District at 1-541-433-3200.

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