

Controlled burn planned near Bend today, Wed.

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BEND, Ore. — Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists are planning to conduct a series of three small underburns to provide forest ecologists the opportunity to study how bitterbrush responds to fire. The prescribed burns are tentatively scheduled for today and Wednesday. The plots are seven acres in size and are scattered throughout the Deschutes National Forest east of Highway 97. The first plot is located three miles southwest of Pine Mountain, and the other plot to be burned today is located one mile northwest of Antelope Butte. Specifically, the last plot is located one mile northwest of Bessie Butte and scheduled for Wednesday. Smoke produced by these burns is expected to be short-term with little or no next day effects. All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. For more information, contact the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District at (541) 383-4000.

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