

8,000-acre controlled burn planned for Wagner Mountain

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PRINEVILLE, Oregon — Prineville Bureau of Land Management fuel specialist are planning to conduct a controlled burn seven miles south of Clarno near Wagner Mountain between September 4 and October 15, 2007.

Crews will be conducting the burn on about 8,000 acres to improve wildlife habitat, reintroduce the role of fire in rangeland ecosystems, reduce the expansion of invasive juniper woodlands and reduce hazardous fuels in the urban interface.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Signs will be posted identifying burn areas for residents and motorists and there will be intermittent closures on the county road that runs from Cherry Creek to the Washington Family Ranch. If smoke drifts onto roadways, motorists should reduce speeds and turn on headlights.

Firefighters trained in the use of prescribed fire will ignite the burn and patrol it for several days to ensure it does not cross containment lines.

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