

## Controlled burns planned on Crescent Ranger District

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CRESCENT, Ore. — Forest Service fuels specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Corrections and Walker Range Patrol Association, will be conducting 1200 acres of slash pile burning and 250 acres of under burning in the Crescent area over the next several weeks, weather permitting. The objective for the burns is to reduce hazardous fuels on the Deschutes National Forest. Two of the burns will occur today and Saturday and will be visible to motorists on Highway 97. One of the burn projects (burning on both Friday and Saturday) will be located 13 miles South of Crescent between mileposts 199 & 200; the second burn project (burning on Saturday only) will be located six miles South of Crescent between mileposts 193 & 194. The burns are not expected to create hazardous smoke conditions; however, motorists should slow down, have lights turned on and proceed with caution when passing through burn project areas. Signs will be posted along Highway 97 and engines will patrol the burned areas into the evening hours. All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan.

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