

Controlled Burn Planned October 3 in Davis Fire Area

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Deschutes National Forest and Walker Range Fire Patrol Association fire specialists plan to complete a 300-acre controlled burn on Tuesday, October 3, to reduce woody debris where the 21,181-acre Davis Fire burned in 2003.

According to a news release issued by Roland Giller, public affairs specialist for Central Oregon Office of Communications for Deschutes National Forest, their intent is to complete the burn before snow falls in the area, located about a mile southeast of Davis Lake. They completed several burns there last month and plan to continue burning until conditions are too moist to meet objectives.

The burns are part of the Davis Fire Recovery Project, which includes harvesting burned trees, replanting seedlings and reducing woody debris through controlled burns.

All the burns are within the interior of the Davis Fire area and firefighters will patrol them until winter precipitation extinguishes them.

The work will reduce the potential for high-intensity fires and improve firefighter safety in future suppression efforts by consuming woody debris scattered throughout the area, said Giller.

Cascade Lakes Highway motorists might see smoke from the burn. Motorists should reduce speeds and turn on headlights if smoke drifts onto roads.

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