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SPRING BURNING PLANNED

Lewis and Clark National Forest staff is planning to conduct prescribed burns this spring in the Little Belt Mountains southeast of Great Falls. Burns will range in size from eight to 1360 acres and will be ignited as weather permits throughout the spring. The planned ignitions will be completed to reduce timber harvest residue, for site preparation prior to tree planting, to reduce urban interface fuels and to improve ecosystem health and wildlife habitat.

Burning on the Belt Creek Ranger District will be in the Logging Creek drainage near Crown Butte and includes the Lick Creek prescribed burn at approximately 1360 acres. It is designed to restore the health of native vegetation and increase grassland productivity for wildlife.

On the White Sulphur Springs Ranger District, approximately 23 acres of burning are planned for the Highway 89 Hazardous Fuels Reduction project near Newlan Creek. District personnel also plan to burn sites in harvest units near Smoky Mountain to prepare for tree planting next spring. Piles from past harvest projects along the powerline corridor between Ant Park and Jamison Trail are planned for spring burning also.

For more information on these projects, call Jess Secrest, Kings Hill Zone Fire Management Officer, (406) 547-6015.

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