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Prescribed Burning to Continue at Blue Mountain

Missoula, MT. – The Missoula Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest plan will continue prescribed burning on Wednesday, April 22 on Blue Mountain approximately two miles up the main Blue Mountain Road. Smoke from the burning is likely to be visible from Missoula.

This prescribed burn location is adjacent to Blue Mountain Unit 23, which was ignited today. It will incorporate about 23 acres of light logging slash. This prescribed burn will be ignited only if operational safety, fuel moisture, weather conditions, and air quality parameters are met.

The management objectives of the prescribed burning are:

- Reduce summer wildfire hazard with lower intensity spring prescribed fire
- Reduce young Douglas fir density to promote Ponderosa pine regeneration
- Top kill shrubs to enhance available forage for wildlife
- Promote the vigor of the Ponderosa pine over-story

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