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PRESCRIBED BURNING PLANNED ON THE CLEARWATER RANGER DISTRICT

The Clearwater Ranger District will be conducting several prescribed burns throughout the district over the next few months. Two different types of prescribed burning will occur: one type associated with natural fuels and the other associated with logging slash.

The “natural fuels” projects are designed to minimize the effects of future wildfire events by reducing fuel loadings and continuity. These prescribed fires also provide many benefits to wildlife by creating a higher quality and greater quantity of grass, forb and brush browse. Some road and trail systems in the vicinity of these projects may be temporarily closed during prescribed burning operations. It may take several days to complete these projects, and they could produce smoke for multiple days following ignition.

The natural fuels projects include:

Middle Fork (Middle Fork Clearwater)	750 acres
Meadow Face (Lower Meadow Creek)	290 acres
Plantations (McComas Meadows Area)	150 acres
Silver-Surveyor (South Fork Clearwater)	1470 acres

The following burn projects are associated with past timber harvest. The general objective for these units would be to reduce residual fuel loadings created as a result of the commercial harvest operations. These burns will generally be shorter duration and more localized in nature than the natural fuels projects listed above.

Yew Rock Timber Sale (McComas Meadows Area) 150 acres

Please contact Tim Theisen or Barry Ruklic at (208) 983-1950 with any questions about the prescribed burn projects. Pamphlets are available at the district office, outlining the location and objectives of each prescribed burn project.

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