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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest		
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Forest Service to Conduct Prescribed Burn on the Former Rosaschi Ranch

Bridgeport, CA...U.S. Forest Service crews will conduct a prescribed burn on public land east of Rosaschi Ranch near Bridgeport, California, starting Thursday, May 15, 2008, through Friday May 16, 2008, weather and fuel conditions permitting.

“This important work will help reduce the risk of a wildfire from spreading from the ranch on to the National Forest, as well as help retain the meadow vegetation and assist with our noxious weed control program,” said Cheryl Probert, Bridgeport District Ranger.

The planned prescribed burn will occur approximately 15 miles northeast of Bridgeport, California, along the East Walker River. The crews will conduct a burn in the irrigated meadow and adjacent willows along the north side of the river. This scheduled burn may be postponed if weather, fuel or smoke dispersal conditions are not within prescribed limits.

Most of this burn will occur on, or directly adjacent to, an irrigated pasture, which has allowed moisture levels to remain within set limits for a prescribed burn. “The area to be burned is relatively flat and easily accessible to crews and engines,” said Todd Baumer, Assistant Bridgeport Fire Management Officer. The upcoming burn will be completed within the standards set by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and an approved Forest Service prescribed fire burn plan.

Travel on Forest Service road 028, near the bridge, may be restricted on the morning of Thursday, May 15, to enhance public and firefighter safety. Visitors on or near 028 road during this week may observe an increase in fire engines; please slow down and drive carefully to accommodate the extra traffic.

Questions concerning the Bridgeport Ranger District’s upcoming burn or fuels management program should be directed to Annamaria Echeverria Fuels Management Specialist, at 760-932-7070 or to Grace Newell, Fire Management Specialist, at 775-882-2766.

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Examples of vegetation types to be burned:

