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Prescribed Burns Planned for the Goosenest Ranger District

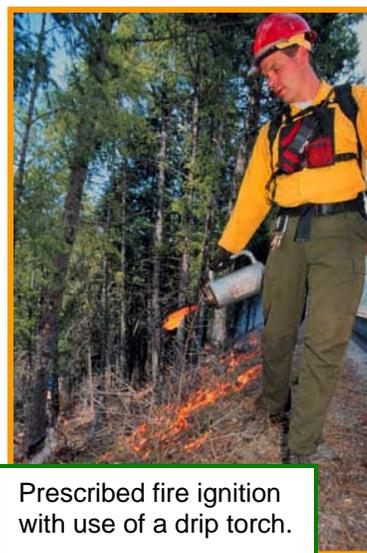
Macdoel, CA - The Goosenest Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest is planning three under-story prescribed burns between October 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004. Additionally, the District plans to burn numerous hand and machine piles throughout the district. Pile burning will occur as weather permits between October 1, 2004 through February 2005.

The Hill 23 prescribed burn project consists of approximately 500 acres and is located just east of the Four Corners Snow Mobile Park - near the intersection of Forest Road 44N01 and Forest Road 45N05, approximately 40 miles south of Klamath Falls, OR.

The Ken Del prescribed burn is 263 acres and is located approximately 2 miles west of the town of Tennant, CA, adjacent to Forest Service 77 Road (also known as the Tennant Road, near Forest Service road 43N20).

The Kelly Pass prescribed burn is located approximately 4 miles east of the Four Corners Snow Park, off of Forest road 44N01 and adjacent to Forest road 44N03 - approximately 40 miles south of the of Klamath Falls, OR.

The objectives of the under-story burns are to reduce excessive fuel loadings and enhance wildlife habitat. Burning operations will be accomplished in accordance with a prescribed burning plan which states specifically how, and under what conditions to ignite the burn to achieve the intended results. The burns will also be conducted under the specific standard and guidelines of a smoke management plan to minimize the effects of smoke on adjacent communities and the general public.



Prescribed fire ignition with use of a drip torch.

Environmental needs and restrictions for the planned burn areas have been analyzed in depth to meet land management objectives and public concerns.



Low intensity flames produced through prescribed fire operations closely resemble historic fires.

Caution should be exercised by anyone planning to travel adjacent to the prescribed burns. Travelers should be prepared to experience periods of smoke along Forest Roads 44N01, Forest Road 45N05, Forest Road 44N03, Forest Road 77 (Tennant Road) and other Forest Roads adjacent to the roads listed.

For additional information contact Kit Jacoby, District Fuels Officer at 530-398-5725 or 530-398-4391.

Note: We encourage the media as well as elected officials to attend prescribed fire events on the forest. Please contact Brian Harris at 530-841-4485 to arrange for a site visit.

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