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Prescribed Burns Ready to Start on the Goosenest Ranger District

MACDOEL, CA - With the cooler weather and chance for precipitation increasing, prescribed burns will be starting shortly.

- The **Kelly Pass Prescribed Burn**, about 500 acres, will start on October 11, 2004. It is located approximately four miles east of the Four Corners Snowmobile Park, off of Forest Road 44N01 and adjacent to Forest Road 44N03 - approximately 40 miles south of the of Klamath Falls, OR.
- The **Hill 23 Prescribed Burn** consists of approximately 500 acres, starting around October 18, 2004. It is located just east of the Four Corners Snowmobile 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 about 263 acres and will start in late October. It is located approximately two 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 objectives of the understory 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.

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

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.

Additionally, the District plans to burn numerous hand and machine piles throughout the district. Pile burning will occur as weather permits from October 1, 2004 through February 2005.

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

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