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### **Fall Prescribed Burning in the Happy Camp Ranger District**

**HAPPY CAMP, CA** - The Happy Camp Ranger District of the Klamath National Forest in Happy Camp, CA is planning two understory prescribed burns between October 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004. In addition to the understory burns, the District plans to burn numerous hand and machine piles throughout the District, as well as the East Jackpot Burn and understory burning to improve cultural gathering opportunities. Pile burning may occur between November 1, 2004 through May 2005, as weather permits.

The **Shinar Prescribed Burn Project** consists of approximately 325 acres and is located directly north-northwest of Shinar Saddle, and on the northeast side of Slater Butte Lookout, four miles northeast of the town of Happy Camp.

The **Happy Camp Fire Protection - Phase 2 - Underburn 'Unit M' Prescribed Burn Project** is around 363 acres and is located approximately three miles south of Happy Camp, between Fryingpan Ridge and Elk Creek Road.



**Stand needing treatment.**

The **East Jackpot Burn** is located approximately four miles south-southeast of Happy Camp, in the East Fork of Elk Creek drainage, and consists of approximately 40 acres.

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The objectives of the understory burns are to reduce excessive fuel loadings and enhance wildlife habitat.

The Happy Camp District plans to underburn 30 acres to improve cultural gathering opportunities in collaboration with local basket weavers up the Benjamin Creek Road, at West Branch Campground, up Mill Creek Road near the bottom of Grayback Road, and just below Independence Bridge next to Highway 96.

The District also plans to burn approximately 300 acres of hand piles, which will reduce the fire hazard along roads, near private property, and in forested stands.

Burning operations will be accomplished in accordance with prescribed burn plans, which state specifically how and when to implement burns, and the expected results. The burns will also be conducted under the specific standards and guidelines of a

smoke management plan to minimize the impact of smoke on adjacent communities and the general public. 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 the Thompson Ridge Road 19N01, Highway 96 near Thompson Creek and near Independence Bridge, Elk Creek Road 7C001, Fryingpan Ridge Road 45N85, China Creek Road 7C002, Indian Creek Road 7C01 (between Happy Camp and Doolittle Creek Road), Grayback Road 40S07, Walker Creek Road between Seiad Valley and Lake Mountain, and other Forest roads adjacent to the roads listed. Signs will be posted in the area when burning is being done.

For additional information contact Sue Daniels, District Fuels Officer at 530-493-1730, or Todd Drake, Fuels Specialist, at 530-493-1740.

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**Bear grass responds well to fire.**