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**Small Controlled Burn NE of Wickiup Reservoir on  
Wednesday**

*La Pine*—Deschutes National Forest fuel specialists, in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry, will be finishing up the last 27 acres of a 77-acre controlled burn project that was initiated last week. The burn project area is one mile south of the junction of Forest Road 44 and Forest Road 43 and is approximately three miles NE of Wickiup Reservoir and five miles NW of La Pine

Drivers on Forest Road 44 should reduce speed, turn on head lights and proceed with caution when traveling by the burn and any potentially smoke-impacted areas.

All controlled burns are weather-dependent and completed in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management plan. Fire specialists will postpone burning if winds are not forecasted to disperse smoke to the less-populated areas.

Smoke may settle with cooler air in the evening and morning hours, even with favorable winds, so residents in Ponderosa Pine Estates, Wild River Estates and Haner Park may want to close windows and doors to keep smoke out of structures.

The burn may be postponed to a later date if weather conditions are unfavorable. For more information, contact Shannon Evans, Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District, at (541) 383-4706.

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