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Federal agencies plan for Moon Hill area prescribed fire

HINES, Ore. – Fire crews from the Burns Interagency Fire Zone expect to carry out within the next month a large prescribed fire in the Moon Hill area near Krumbo Ridge, approximately five miles southeast of Diamond, Oregon. If weather permits, officials say the project could start as early as next week.

The Burns Interagency Fire Zone does a number of prescribed fire projects annually to reduce fuel loading and the risk of catastrophic large wildfires, increase forage for livestock and wildlife, and improve wildlife habitat. Fire Management Officer Ken Higle said, “These projects are important in our efforts to develop more fire resilient and healthier ecosystems.”

The 6,000-acre Moon Hill prescribed fire will last approximately three to seven days. There will be noticeable smoke and increased traffic around the burn area. The public should be aware of the activity and avoid the work site as much as possible.

For further information on prescribed burning in Harney County, contact Chad Rott at (541) 573-4504.

To report a wildfire, call 573-1000.

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