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Spring Burns Planned to Reduce Hazardous Fuels and Improve Forest Health

Yreka, CA. – The Klamath National Forest is planning to conduct a number of prescribed burns this Spring to reduce build-up of hazardous fuels and restore forest ecosystems. Planned projects include burning piles of stacked materials and low to moderate intensity understory burns of vegetation on the forest floor. The main goals of these projects are to reduce the severity of future wildfires and provide added protection for communities in the wildland urban interface. In addition, the burns will promote a diverse and more resilient forest, and improve habitat for wildlife.

The burns are scheduled to take place on the Salmon/Scott River, Happy Camp/Oak Knoll and Goosenest Ranger Districts until May or June 2014. The actual dates of ignition will depend on local weather and fuel conditions.

All prescribed fire projects will be conducted in accordance with an approved burn plan to ensure the safety of people and property in the area. Burn plans describe the specific conditions under which burns will be conducted including the weather, number of personnel, and opportunities to minimize smoke impacts.

Visitors are asked to avoid areas where prescribed burns are being conducted. Some spur roads near the burn areas may be inaccessible during operations. As a result of the burns, some residents and visitors may see or smell smoke. They may also witness glowing from the

fires at night. People should not be alarmed; the fires will be carefully monitored. Local authorities will be notified prior to burn days and kept informed throughout burning operations.

Following is a list of prescribed fire projects (with acreage and locations) currently planned for this Spring:

Salmon/Scott River Ranger District

- Glassups- 200 acres of understory burning, approximately 1 mile south of Sawyers Bar, CA.
- Deep- 130 acres of understory burning, approximately 15 miles west of Fort Jones, CA. (located in the Middle Creek drainage west of Scott River Lodge).
- Rattler- 100 acres of understory burning in Wood Gulch, near Indian Creek 7 miles north and west of Fort Jones.
- Petersburg Pines- 30 acres of understory burning approximately 2 miles south east of Cecilville, CA near the Petersburg Guard Station.
- Piled material-1,500 acres across the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District. The piles are located at various locations including; Middle Creek (240 acres), Masterson Loop (120 acres) McAdams Creek (210 acres), Singleton Roadside (150 acres), Jackson Creek (80 acres), Caribou (300 acres), Cecilville (100 acres), and
- Petersburg Pines- Project (south of Cecilville for 300 acres).
- Piled Material- Piles are at various locations across the Scott Salmon Ranger District including; Masterson loop (120 acres), Jackson Creek (80 acres), McAdams Creek (150), Caribou landing piles (300 acres), and Cecilville (40 acres).

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Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District

- Jackson Peak Understory Burn - 1,363 acres, East side of Jackson Peak in Thompson Creek drainage
- Fryingpan Ridge Understory Burn – 150 acres three miles SE of Happy Camp, CA.
- Thompson Creek Dozer Piles – 20 acres from Goff Fire, along ridges leading from Jackson Peak and Tim’s Peak into Thompson Creek drainage
- Roadside Piles – Various roadside piles from woodcutters, vegetation management, and road maintenance – acres N/A, throughout district.
- Dutch Dog Units 3 & 4--120 acres, hand piles - corner of Hwy 96 and Beaver Creek Road.
- Dutch Dog Unit 5--175 acres, understory burn (possibly with piles along control lines) - FS Road 40S01/FS Road 12/FS Road 46N42.
- Mt Ashland LSR--860 acres, hand piles – units are spread from Siskiyou Gap to Four Corners to Beaver Creek Ed Center.
- Fish Meadow--146 acres, hand piles – east of White Cloud Mountain in Section 32 (near FS Road 47N 10W/Forest Route 12).
- Forest Road 47N69--5 acres, hand piles created from hazard tree removal project – along FS Road 47N69 (Horse Creek).
- Low Gap Piles –400 acres in the Seiad Low Gap area.

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Goosenest Ranger District

- Tennant--1,359 acres of under-burning in several projects is scheduled around the Tennant area. These projects are designed to reduce hazardous fuels in order to protect Tennant and other private lands from wildland fires as well as improve wildlife habitat.
- Goosenest Mountain--156 acres of under-burning is scheduled around the Goosenest Mountain area. This project is designed to reduce hazardous fuels, enhance wildlife habitat, promote Baker Cypress regeneration, and protect adjacent private lands from future wildland fires.
- Piled material—2,000 acres at various locations (most in Round Valley) throughout the district of piled slash from thinning and logging operations.

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