

Fire/Burning

All fuels treatment activities were accomplished meeting the Department of Interior 9214 Manual (Prescribed Fire Management Policy as revised in July 2000) and in accordance with the Oregon Smoke Management and Visibility Protection Plans. In FY 2000, prescribed fire management activities occurred in 23 units totaling 163 acres. Fuels consumption varied due to factors such as time of year, aspect, types and condition of fuels, and ignition source. No intrusions into designated areas occurred as a result of fuels treatment projects on the District. Prescribed burning prescriptions target spring-like burn conditions when large fuel, duff and litter consumption, and smoldering is reduced by wetter conditions and rapid mop-up. Fuels treatment activities are implemented to improve seedling plantability and survival, reduce brush competition, reduce activity fuel loading levels, protect resource values, re-establish native vegetation and reduce natural fuels loads to lower the probability of catastrophic fire. Proposed management activities are analyzed during the interdisciplinary review process and alternative fuels treatment methods are utilized where appropriate.

In FY 2000, four human caused and two lightening caused fires totaling 4.5 acres occurred on district; none of the six fires escaped initial attack.

In FY 2000, the District dispatched 170 people off district and out of state for a total of 2,295 workdays.



Helicopter ignition of a prescribed burn