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Prescribed Fire

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management will potentially be lighting a prescribed fire of approximately 330 acres, (2 units) October 2, 2001, on the North Bank Management Area for Columbia white-tailed deer off of North Bank Road north of Roseburg.

This prescribed fire, done in cooperation with the Douglas Forest Protection Association, is part of the North Bank Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan completed in June 2001. The area within the plan has had little management activity during the past six year's which has lead to large amounts of dead grass, thistles and weeds. The planned prescribed burns will begin the process of removing these unwanted materials and allow for re-seeding of almost 330 acres with desirable forage species for deer.

Each unit is completely trailed with 10 foot fire lines that have been inspected and approved by the Douglas Fire Protection District. The planned burn areas consists of open grassland, shrub land and some oak savanna areas.

The Douglas Forest Protection Association will give the clearance to burn around 9-10 AM. The second unit will not be burned until the first unit is completely out. A crew of fifteen firefighters will light the units and one 1000 gallon engine and two 300 gallon engines will be on site to provide water and support to the fire crew.

“This is a good time to light a prescribed fire because the weather in the morning is cooler and has a higher humidity level, says Jay Carlson, Swiftwater Field Manager. We are taking every necessary precaution and preparation to ensure this will be a productive and safe burn.”

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