

# News Release

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## Prescribed Fires Planned October thru December near Pocatello

**POCATELLO:** BLM fire managers plan to use prescribed fire throughout October, November and December to reduce fire hazards and improve vegetation growing conditions. Burning will be conducted by BLM and Forest Service personnel on BLM lands and by local fire departments with agency assistance on private lands.

The three prescribed burns include: the Buckskin Burn which is located east of Chinese Peak on private land in conjunction with the Chubbuck Fire Department where crews will burn 100 acres of piles; the Portneuf Burn is located west of the landfill and south Mink Creek Road on private land with the Pocatello Valley Fire Department where 150 acres of piles will be burned and the Sawmill Burn located northeast of Inkom and east of Rapid Creek where 80 acres of piles will be burned.

The project objectives include pile burning in juniper woodlands and Douglas fir timber stands to lessen the buildup of fuels and break up the continuity of fuels to lessen the likelihood of a catastrophic fire occurring in and around the wildland urban interface.

Prescribed fire is used as a means to restore the natural and positive effects of fire in select areas and to reduce excessive trees, grass and brush which could feed large fires. The vegetation is ignited under calculated conditions which account for weather, smoke dispersion, fuel conditions and the desired outcome of the planned burn. If specified conditions are not met on the planned day of the burn, ignition is postponed. Burning will be done on rainy days during October and more regularly in November and December when temperatures have decreased and fuel moistures have increased.

For further prescribed burning information, please contact Joel Gosswiller at (208) 236-7560. For other fire related information visit [www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov](http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov), click on "fire information".

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