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BLM Plans Burning Project: Potential for Smoke in the Wood River Valley

SHOSHONE, ID—The Twin Falls District will conduct a prescribed fire over approximately 300 acres of timber in the Martin Canyon area east of Bellevue, Idaho. If favorable weather conditions prevail for the burn, the project is planned sometime between October 5 and the end of the month.

According to Twin Falls District Fire Use Specialist Brandon Brown, the Martin Canyon prescribed fire will be conducted for numerous resource and landscape benefits. “The main purpose is to reduce the risk of large catastrophic wildfire in the Martin/Muldoon Canyon area,” Brown explains. “The burn will clean up timber stands of Douglas fir and aspen that were previously logged. This will help enhance wildlife habitat, promote aspen regeneration, and improve watershed conditions.”

The prescribed fire is expected to take 2-3 days, with an additional 2-3 days for monitoring and patrolling the area after the fire has taken place. During the burning period, there may be residual smoke settling in the Wood River Valley before the smoke lifts and moves to the east. For additional information, contact Brandon Brown or Michael Aoi of the Twin Falls District at (208) 732-7200.

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