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Almanor Ranger District Announces Plans for Fall Prescribed Burns

Chester, CA, September 23, 2004 -The Almanor Ranger District is planning to conduct prescribed burning operations this fall. Prescribed fire is an important management tool utilized to promote forest health and help reduce the potential for high intensity, high severity wildfires experienced throughout the west in recent years. Fire managers will monitor the moisture content of the vegetation, weather conditions such as precipitation totals, relative humidity, and winds that favor good smoke dispersal. When environmental conditions become favorable to meet safety considerations and burning objectives, operations will commence in order to accomplish as much of the planned burns as possible.

The Almanor district plans to burn 150-300 acres of machine and hand piles in Plumas, Lassen, Tehama, and Butte Counties. Additionally, underburn projects initiated in previous years will be resumed this autumn. Approximately 200-500 acres of underburning are planned within the following areas: at Betty Sue along county road A-21; Prattville on the west side of Lake Almanor; and at Middle Ridge in eastern Tehama county. Information on impacts to roads and trails will be available from the Almanor District Fire Management Office.

For more information, contact Ken Larson, Fire Management Officer, Thomas Garcia or Matt Cerney, Fuels Management Officers at Almanor Ranger Station, (530) 258-5104.

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