

Heppner Ranger District prepares to implement prescribed burn

Fire management officials on the Heppner Ranger District are preparing to implement a 250-acre prescribed burn as early as Thursday, Apr. 26 near Sunflower Flat, approximately 20 miles south of Heppner.

The activities are anticipated to produce localized smoke impacts for approximately two to three days, after ignitions are complete. The objective of the prescribed burn operation is to reduce hazardous fuel loads by using controlled fire to reduce the amount of dead and down fuels and selectively thin understory trees in dense forested stands. Prescribed burning



will also help stimulate fire tolerant plant species, enhance forage and browse, and reduce the risk of large stand-replacing wildfires.

If conditions are right, the district will continue burning into next week. Early season burning op-

erations typically begin in spring (or when the snow melts) and occur until the beginning of fire season.

For additional information on the upcoming burn, please contact Kristen Marshall at 541-676-2130, klmarsall@fs.fed.us.

Free spray days to be held May 13-19



Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service will host free spray days in Morrow County during Oregon Invasive Weed Awareness Week, May 13-19. The SWCD began the event to promote watershed health and weed control to the citizens in Morrow County. Morrow County Grain Growers gen-

erously donates the chemicals each year.

The herbicide, labeled for broadleaves in the landscape, will be pre-mixed by a licensed chemical applicator and will be in a labeled one gallon container ready for use (includes Material Safety Data Sheet, MSDS). Information on weed identification, water quality, proper clothing and weather conditions, conservation programs and various other educational materials will also be available. A completed cooperative agreement will be required.

Stops are planned in Boardman at the NAPA parking lot on Monday, May 14, Irrigon City Park on Wednesday, May 16 and Heppner City Park on Friday, May 18. The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon in each location.

Ag and FFA to hold plant sale



The Heppner Ag department and FFA chapter will be holding their annual plant sale at the greenhouse on Friday, May 4 and 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, May 6 from noon to 3 p.m.

Creative Care Preschool to hold bunco fundraiser

Creative Care Preschool (CCP) will be holding a bunco game night on May 3 at the Ione Legion hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the game starting at 6:30. Game prizes and snacks will be provided. A silent auction of student's

art work and baskets will be held.

CCP is a small, private preschool in Ione, providing early education to three- and four-year-olds. The school uses fundraising activities to purchase supplies and fund scholarship

programs. Additional fundraisers are held throughout the year, including a Sees candy sale and the Ione 4th of July 5K Fun Run.

The preschool will be hosting registration day on May 16.

Umatilla National Forest to begin invasive plant treatments

The Umatilla National Forest will soon begin an integrated approach of prevention, manual, mechanical, herbicide, biological control and cultural treatments to reduce the risk of

invasive species expanding on the forest. This work will be implemented under the 2010 decision for the Invasive Species Treatment Project and the Forest Plan amended by the Pacific Northwest Region 2005 decision for Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants.

Treatment is scheduled to begin in late-April and expected to continue through October.

"The majority of herbicide treatments will be spot application to individual invasive plants using truck sprayers, backpack sprayers and UTVs," said Paula Brooks, Forest Botanist. Some broadcast application is also planned along a small subset of roadsides.

Herbicides to be used include chloresulfuron, clopyralid, imazapic, metsulfuron methyl and picloram. Additionally, the forest will add the chemical aminopyralid to the approved herbicide list. This chemical has been shown to be safer to the applicators, as well as providing fewer potential impacts to aquatic organisms and soils.

"Manual and mechanical treatments are planned for a number of small infestations, some of which have been treated for over a decade and are subsequently much reduced in size," said Brooks. Herbicide treat-

ments will be carried out following the project design features of the Record of Decision for the Invasive Plants Treatment Project.

Invasive species have been shown to reduce biodiversity including wildlife habitat, wildlife and domestic livestock forage and streamside vegetation. Invasive plants targeted for treatment include common crupina, yellow starthistle, leafy spurge, spotted and diffuse knapweeds, rush skeleton weed, meadow hawkweed, Scotch thistle, sulphur cinquefoil, dalmatian toadflax, and hound's-tongue.

Partners include county weed boards in Oregon and Washington, Oregon Department of Agriculture and Wallowa Resources. Funding includes appropriated dollars and grant money from Title II projects. Treatment sites are located across the Umatilla National Forest and herbicide treatments will be signed on the ground at the time of treatment. Maps of the proposed treatment sites are also posted on the website at: www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/.

For more specific information on timing and location of herbicide treatments, contact Tim Collins, Heppner Ranger District at 541-676-2114.

Morrow County Public Works is currently requesting bids for Vehicles that are presented for silent bids at The Public Works office 365 Hwy. 74, Lexington, OR. 97839.

Vehicles and specifications and any more questions are on display or you may contact Morrow County Public Works at P.O. Box 428, 365 Hwy 74, Lexington, OR 97839 phone 541-989-9500.

All items are sold "AS IS-WHERE IS" without any guarantees or warranty expressed or implied. Specifically, but without limitation, Morrow County makes no representation or warranty that any of the vehicles conform to any standard in respect of safety, pollution, or fit for any particular purpose. Morrow County make no guarantee as to the authenticity, of any particular age, year of manufacture, model, make, mileage, hours, condition, or defect of any vehicle being sold. Bidders are encouraged to make their own physical inspection and rely solely on that inspection before bidding. Failure to inspect does not negate that Bidders responsibility to perform under the auction terms and conditions.

Sealed bids will be received no later than 4:00 p.m., **May 3, 2018**. Morrow County Public Works Office in Lexington. Bids will be publically opened at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2018 at the Morrow County Public Works office in Lexington, OR.

Successful bidder will be required to take possession and remove vehicle within **30 days** of being notified their bid has been accepted Morrow County makes no warranties as to vehicles condition.

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#115
1996 Chevrolet Pickup, 206 K Miles, 5 speed, Manual Transmission, V8 Engine, A/C, Tilt wheel, CC, AM/FM Stereo and gray cloth trim.
Min. Bid \$1,000.00

148
1988 Chevrolet, 281 K Miles, Custom Deluxe, 4X2 Cab and Chassis.
Min Bid \$500.00

Front end Plow with BOSS Bumper
Off of Mid 90's Ford F250
Min Bid \$250.00

#530
1992 Cushman cart, Needs Ignition and carburetor cleaning.
Min. Bid \$300.00

#723
Kawasaki SS Mule, Rear end is out
Min. Bid \$400.00

570
2002 Polaris Range, 6X6, Series 11, 500 CC
Min. Bid \$3,000.00

8Ft. Trailer
800 lbs. Capacity
Min. Bid \$200.00

12Ft. Trailer
1200 lbs. Capacity
Min. Bid \$250.00



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Heppner Day Care to hold registration

Heppner Day Care, 330 N. Gale St., will be holding preschool registration on May 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Twelve spots are available for incoming three-year-olds. Incoming four-year-olds who did not attend preschool last year are encouraged to attend the registration. Please bring your child so they can complete the assessment project, along with a copy of their current immunization records. For more information call 541-676-5429.

SWCD to meet

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, May 8 in the Port of Morrow conference room beginning at 6 p.m. Agenda items include minutes from the April meeting, financial report, FY 18-19 budget update, partner reports and staff reports. Meetings of the SWCD are open to the public.

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