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BLM to Conduct Prescribed Burns on Aspen Restoration Project

POCATELLO, ID – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pocatello Field Office will be conducting prescribed burning in the Soda Spring Hills in Caribou County, approximately 3 miles northwest of the town of Soda Springs, ID.

The project is expected to take place between April 23 and May 4, 2012. Personnel will be monitoring weather and ground conditions that will allow application of prescribed fire to treat approximately 15 acres within the 1515 acre project area. The project is located in the Upper Valley drainage, Township 8S Range 41E Sections 28/29/32 and Township 9S Range 41E Sections 3/4.

Removal of encroaching conifers from aspen stands reduces competition, and prescribed fire helps stimulate aspen reproduction. Aspen communities in the Soda Springs Hills provide numerous benefits, including forage and habitat for wildlife, watershed protection, and landscape diversity. The desired future conditions of this project also include reduced risk of intense and severe wildland fire.

Firefighters will make sure that on-site monitoring will be conducted to ensure compliance with the previously written burn plan. Smoke may be seen from areas near the burn location, but fire personnel are taking precautions to ensure smoke production will be mitigated. For more information about this projects contact BLM Fire Ecologist, Gregory Mann at 208-478-6374.

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