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BLM PLANNING PRESCRIBED BURN

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Elko Field Office is planning to begin prescribed burns on small blocks of sagebrush totaling 500 acres along the North Fork of Beaver Creek about 50 miles north of Elko. Based on weather, the burning project will be done between the end of August and late September.

BLM Elko Field Office Assistant Fuels Manager Ky Kinkade commented, "The purpose of the Beaver Creek project is to thin blocks of sagebrush to create forage for livestock away from the riparian area. In addition, the project will create more diverse habitat for wildlife - primarily mule deer and sage grouse; and it will also allow aspen stands to regenerate."

Kinkade continued, "We will spend one day 'black-lining' which is outlining the borders of several blocks of sagebrush of 50 to 100 acres each. This makes it safer when we come back in a few weeks and burn the blocks. Burning is planned to be done only on days that meet air quality standards and fire prescription parameters. There will be no road closures associated with the burning project, nor do we anticipate problems with smoky conditions. We want people to know we're in the area and conducting the burning. We'll make every effort not to interfere with hunting season."

For more information about this or other upcoming burning projects, contact Ky Kinkade at the Elko BLM Office at (775) 753-0200.

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