



We're
planning
forest
restoration
work
near your
community.



**YOU MAY SEE OR SMELL SMOKE
DURING A PRESCRIBED BURN**

Our work will include prescribed fire to reduce wildfire risk and restore forest health.



A healthy forest has a spacious understory.



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WHAT IS A PRESCRIBED BURN?



Prescribed fire reduces wildfire danger and brings health back to our central Washington forests by removing overcrowded vegetation. Skilled professionals will use low-intensity fire to reduce vegetation on the forest floor, including dense shrubs and saplings, which could otherwise fuel a catastrophic wildfire.



SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

We will send you alerts by email the day before each burn, so you can plan accordingly. ▼

WHY IS THIS NEEDED?

This work, along with mechanical forest thinning, is part of the 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan for central and eastern Washington. This effort involves numerous public and private partners from the state, federal, tribal and local levels all working together to reduce the risk of uncharacteristically severe wildfires while bringing these forests back to a more natural state. In these forests, low-intensity fires help cycle nutrients back into the soil and activate the seeds of fire-adapted plants.
Read more at: dnr.wa.gov/foresthealthplan

WHAT CAN I EXPECT THE WEEK OF A PRESCRIBED BURN?

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will follow a burn plan guided by state and federal regulations to reduce any possible effects on nearby communities, but you may see or smell smoke. Some burns may impact nearby roadways.

Learn about ways to mitigate the effects of smoke at: epa.gov/pm-pollution/fires-and-your-health



Smoke from a prescribed burn is often less than smoke from wildfires. However, if you or a loved one are sensitive to smoke, please **sign up for our prescribed burn alerts at:** bit.ly/DNRburnalerts

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QUESTIONS?

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dnr.wa.gov/prescribedfire