



Mt. Adams Resource Stewards



PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

Burn to take place near junction of Zelinski Road and Glenwood Highway on September 27th.

A prescribed fire is planned for Friday, September 27th near the junction of Zelinski Road and Glenwood Highway near Goldendale. Smoke will be visible from late morning on Friday until the evening, and some light smoke may remain visible through Saturday afternoon.

This burn is being implemented on Columbia Land Trust lands in coordination with the Columbia Gorge Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (CGTrex), which is hosted by Mt. Adams Resource Stewards out of Glenwood. The burn was reviewed and permitted through the Washington Department of Natural Resources. The burn will include up to 71 acres of Columbia Land Trust land, but may be smaller depending on burn conditions through the day. Burn objectives include improving foraging conditions for wildlife and reducing litter and duff to prevent high-severity wildfire. Additional objectives include providing training opportunities for local and visiting prescribed fire practitioners.

In total, nearly 40 practitioners will be on site for this burn, and there will be ample resources and personnel to keep the fire contained within established firelines. Water is available via Bowman Creek, which runs adjacent to the burn area. Once the burn is complete, “mop-up” will be performed to reduce heat within 10 feet of established firelines. Additionally, the burn area will continue to be patrolled in coming days to ensure that no hot spots threaten firelines.

While temperatures are expected to be in the mid-70s on Friday, mild winds and higher humidities are likely to produce low- to moderate-intensity fire in the burn area. The burn will only proceed if weather conditions stay within pre-identified parameters. On-site weather observations will be done every hour to ensure that these parameters are being met.

CGTrex exists to increase prescribed fire capacity in the Gorge and adjacent areas, with the goal of creating a larger workforce to accomplish prescribed burning around the region. Prescribed burning is an essential tool in reducing wildfire risk, and is also used to achieve ecological benefits like improved wildlife habitat, soil nutrient cycling and promoting the growth of certain native plant species.

Prescribed Fire Information Line for CGTrex Burns: (347) 709-2587

More information about CGTrex and its host organization, Mt. Adams Resource Stewards: <https://www.mtadamsstewards.org/columbia-gorge-trex>

CGTrex email notification sign-up form: <http://eepurl.com/iBav2w>