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National Elk Refuge
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PREScribed BURN PLANNED FOR NATIONAL ELK REFUGE

Wildland firefighters will be conducting a prescribed burn on the National Elk Refuge sometime between April 19 and May 7, as conditions allow. This will be the first prescribed broadcast burn on the refuge in 20 years.

This burn will reduce hazard fuel loadings to help reduce the risk of catastrophic fire as well as help accomplish habitat objectives by improving habitat quality for bison and elk, increasing elk and bison use of the north end of the Refuge, and mitigating disease risk.

The burn will occur on lowland grassland meadows on the northern portion of the refuge.



Figure 1 The Pedersen prescribed burn general area on the northern portion of the refuge.

Fish and Wildlife Service fire management employees from the Rocky Basin Fire Management Zone, of which the National Elk Refuge is encompassed, will be implementing and managing the burn. Assistance from the Teton Interagency Fire Dispatch Center and local wildland fire resources will be utilized.

Public and firefighter safety is always the number one priority in all prescribed burn operations. Fire management staff will remain on site during the burn to assure complete combustion and consumption of all fuels and to monitor burning conditions for potential fire spread. Smoke may be visible from HWY 89 and from the Town of Jackson.

More information on the National Elk Refuge: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/National_Elk_Refuge/

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