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Prescribed Fire at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

This spring the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge will be conducting prescribed burns. Depending on weather conditions, burning should occur sometime between April and May in the closed portion of the Refuge. Prescribed burning activities should not impact access to the Refuge public use area. These burns will accomplish Refuge management objectives for reducing hazardous accumulations of fuel, thinning dense stands of forest regeneration, and improving forage and cover for wildlife. Thinning of forests provides for a more natural tree density which benefits native wildlife and helps to minimize potential insect infestations.

Burning will only occur when weather conditions are favorable, on days when the smoke will disperse and mix with the pre-dominant air flow. These burns will be conducted in accordance with the State of Washington's Smoke Management Plan. Disruptions to traffic are possible due to smoke, but are expected to be minimal. To ensure public safety, signs will be placed along adjacent public roads and staff will monitor smoke conditions on roads during burns.

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