

OREGON NRCS PRESCRIBED BURNING CHECKLIST

Background: Prescribed burning (Practice Code 338) is an important tool for habitat management and restoration but can create significant social concerns. This is due to smoke emissions, perceived danger, and other issues. The Willamette Valley is one area of special concern due to its high population density and a long list of controversial issues surrounding the use of fire.

Oregon NRCS would like to retain the use of prescribed burning. The Oregon Prescribed Burning Checklist is designed to help planners evaluate the feasibility of implementing a prescribed burn, both technically and socially.

Directions: This checklist is to be

- Completed and signed by a conservation planner with an appropriate JAA (I and E) for Prescribed Burning. (Refer to the Oregon Skills Matrix for Oregon staff JAA levels.)
- Maintained in the case file as part of the planning process documentation,
- Submitted with the practice specification sheet for approval by an individual within NRCS-OR with appropriate JAA (Design) for Prescribed Burning.
- Shared with Public Affairs Staff to evaluate the decision to conduct the burn *if in or near a smoke management priority area.*

Allow 90 days for review and approval of submitted specification sheet prior to practice implementation.

1. **Project Description:** (Provide a clear description of size, location, and reason why prescribed burning was the selected alternative treatment.)

- **Project Name:** _____
- **Size:** _____ acres
- **Location:**
 - Basin: _____
 - County: _____
 - Other: _____
- **Objectives and Desired Resource Outcome: (Provide the objectives and best outcome)**

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2. **Alternatives:** Given the objective(s) for this instance of prescribed burning application, list all methods considered to achieve those objectives. Use additional sheets as needed. In the table below, identify advantages and disadvantages for each method and indicate which method was chosen and describe the rationale

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Name or Brief Description			
Advantages			
Disadvantages			
Selected Alternative (Check One)			
Rationale for Selection			

3. **At Risk-Facilities and Populations:** Have you notified at-risk facilities and populations? (See Item 9 on the practice specification sheet for Practice Code 338 - Prescribed Burning)? Check the [Oregon Department of Agriculture Smoke Management Program](#) for more detailed information regarding priority areas, smoke management, and other information.

List names and addresses of facilities and populations and date contacted:

Name:	Date Contacted
Street Address:	City:
Reason for Concern:	Method of Contact:

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4. Are you within a [priority area](#) as determined by ODA? Yes No

Check this linked U.S Census [site](#) or the attached appendix for population estimates based on the 2000 Census.

If the burn is within or near a priority area, please complete items 5, 6 and 7 of this checklist and contact the NRCS Public Affairs Specialist.

5. Check the county or counties where the planned burn is located

	Benton		Linn		Polk
	Clackamas		Marion		Washington
	Lane		Multnomah		Yamhill
	Other (List county in the box to the right.)				

6. Have you contacted NRCS SO Public Affairs? Yes No

7. Have you conducted public outreach? Yes No

List materials used	
List locations posted	

Signature Block:

Practice Job Class:

Practice Code No.	Practice	Lead Discipline	Controlling Factor	Units	Job Class				
					I	II	III	IV	V
338	Prescribed Burning	BSCD For & Graz Land Spec	Area	Acres	All	All	All	All	All
	(See Appendix A-3 in NRPH, 1998)		Fuel Class	USFS	1 & 3	1 & 3	1,2,3, & 6	1,2,3, & 6	All
			Slope	Percent	5	8	12	All	All
This practice is classified as Job Class (check one):									

Checklist Completed by: /s/ _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____

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APPENDIX

Listing of cities in Oregon with 2000 Census population estimates greater than 9,500:

City	Population	City	Population
Albany	40,852	McMinnville	26,499
Ashland	19,522	Medford	63,154
Astoria	9,813	Milwaukie	20,490
Baker City	9,860	Newberg	18,064
Beaverton	76,129	Newport	9,532
Bend	52,029	North Bend	9,544
Canby	12,790	Ontario	10,985
Central Point	12,493	Oregon City	25,754
Coos Bay	15,374	Pendleton	16,354
Cornelius	9,652	Portland	529,121
Corvallis	49,322	Redmond	13,481
Dallas	12,459	Roseburg	20,017
Eugene	137,893	Salem	136,924
Forest Grove	17,708	Sherwood	11,791
Gladstone	11,438	Springfield	52,864
Grants Pass	23,003	St. Helens	10,019
Gresham	90,205	Tigard	41,223
Hermiston	13,154	Troutdale	13,777
Hillsboro	70,186	Tualatin	22,791
Keizer	32,203	West Linn	22,261
Klamath Falls	19,462	Wilsonville	13,991
La Grande	12,327	Woodburn	20,100
Lake Oswego	35,278		
Lebanon	12,950		