USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will perform prescribed burns on private lands enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program in Marion County, Oregon.

The exact date and time of the burns will depend on weather conditions, but the burns will take place sometime between:

Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019

Duck Flat Complex - Conservation Easement Sites

Size: Combined, these easements cover 373 acres, though only a portion of these acres (179 acres) would experience prescribed fire.

Location: The sites are within 5 miles of the city of Turner. Within 10 miles of Aumsville, Jefferson, Stayton and Scio. Salem is located 13 miles NW of the burn area.

The burns will be completed by professional prescribed burning teams and will be closely monitored by technical staff to ensure public safety. Minimal smoke impact is expected, though smoke production is not expected to reach or impact any of the outlying communities. A brief period of smoke (less than 15 minutes) may be visible on Hunsaker Road.

Prescribed burning is an effective land management tool that provides multiple benefits to the land, including healthier soils and improved habitat for wildlife.

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