

Prescribed Burn Watch Out Situations

If any of the following conditions exist, analyze further before burning.

- No written plan
- No map
- No safety briefing
- Heavy fuels
- Dry duff and soil
- Extended drought
- Inadequate control lines
- No updated weather forecast for area
- Forecast does not agree with prescription
- Poor visibility
- Personnel or equipment stretched thin
- Communications for all resources not available
- No contingency plan or forces available
- No one notified of plans to burn
- Behavior of test fire not as prescribed
- A smoke management system has not been used
- Smoke sensitive area downwind or down drainage
- Not enough personnel or equipment available to control an escaped fire
- Personnel on fire not qualified to take action on escaped fire

If any of the following conditions exist, stop burning and extinguish existing fire.

- Fire behavior erratic
- Spot fire or slopover occurs and is difficult to control
- Wind shifting or other unforeseen change in weather
- Smoke not dispersing as predicted
- Public road or other sensitive area smoked in
- Burn does not comply with all laws, regulations and standards
- Large fuels igniting and burning, not enough personnel to mop up before dark and likely to smoke in a sensitive area