



Forest Service News Release

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Sheyenne National Grassland begin prescribed fires

Lisbon, ND, October 31, 2025 — Sheyenne National Grassland is planning prescribed fire operations this month, pending all required approvals. This work may begin as soon as Monday, November 3rd and continue until November 10th, or as favorable conditions exist. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

Prescribed fires planned for the area include:

- Three (3) separate prescribed fire units totaling 2,000 acres, located near McLeod, ND.
- No road closures are planned for prescribed fire operations: however, one of the identified burn units is located along ND State Hwy 27. Please drive cautiously, follow posted signage and expect short-term smoke impacts.
- No trail closures of the North Country Trail are planned at this time.

The burn units and surrounding areas may closed to the public for several days for public safety. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

Residents will see smoke during the prescribed burns. Go to www.airnow.gov to find more detailed information about air quality. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road. Along ND State Highway 27, users should expect short-term, localized smoke impacts, please drive cautiously.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the forest website and [InciWeb](https://www.forestservice.gov/inciweb), the interagency incident information system. We will notify county emergency management officials when burning begins.

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