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Forest Service Begins Prescribed Burns of Slash on Lakewood-Laona District

Rhineland, Wis. – January 18, 2008, The Lakewood-Laona District of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has begun the prescribed burning process of timber salvage slash piles. The piles of slash are the result of the 2007 Quad County Tornado salvage operations and the 2006 Spruce decline salvage project.

These piles of residual timber slash need to be burned to decrease any potential fire hazards as well as to prepare for the reforestation of damaged areas. The piles will be burned as conditions allow from this week through mid-March. The prescribed burning in the tornado damaged areas will be a multiple year project. There will be some smoke in the areas of burning. All prescribed burning operations are closely monitored by the Forest Service.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact District Ranger, Larry Sandoval, or Zone Fire Management Officer, Alan Harrison at the Lakewood-Laona District Offices. Lakewood (715) 276-6333, Laona (715) 674-4481.



Slash piles burning in timber salvage sale areas.