
Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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Dry Fork Prescribed Burn

Big Timber MT – As winter’s hold finally begins to fade, fire and fuels managers of the Gallatin National Forest, are anticipating the implementation of the Dry Fork Prescribed Fire. As part of the Long Mountain Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, the Dry Fork Burn is located in the headwaters of East Boulder River drainage. The burn has been designed to meet a multitude of ecological resource benefits which include: the reduction of conifer encroachment on aspen stands, grassland, and sagebrush meadows; to maintain areas with prescribed fire within their normal fire return interval; thus improving both public and firefighter safety in the event of an unwanted fire ignition.

“We have been closely monitoring the weather conditions and waiting for the different parts of the recipe to come together before decide to move forward with implementation,” said Marna Daley, Acting Big Timber District Ranger. Daley continued by saying, “with the upcoming warmer temperatures predicted for next week, we would anticipate implementing the burn either the upcoming Tuesday or Wednesday, but will know better after this weekend.”

An area and road closure will be placed in effect starting Monday morning at 12:00 am. During the implementation of the burn, Information Specialists will be available at predetermined locations along the East Boulder Road to answer questions regarding the burns implementation. For further information regarding the burn please contact the Big timber Ranger District at (406) 932-5155.