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# Livingston Ranger District News Release

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## **Big Creek Prescribed Burn in Paradise Valley to be implemented September 16**

Livingston, MT – The Gallatin National Forest is preparing to implement another prescribed burn in the Paradise Valley. Fire managers intend to implement the 300 acre Big Creek prescribed burn on Tuesday, September 16.

“The wet winter and spring weather helped us implement both the Old Chico and Big Creek fall prescribed burns. We are closely monitoring the weather and waiting for ideal conditions before deciding to move forward with implementation,” said Ron Archuleta, Livingston District Ranger. “The cooler temperatures, associated with the fall season, offer the best opportunity to achieve our project's objectives. These temperatures typically allow for greater relative humidity recoveries throughout the night, which play a vital role in maintaining control of the prescribed burn.”

An area and road closures will go into affect for the Big Creek prescribed burn area on Monday, September 15 at 12:01 a.m. The Big Creek Road (FS Rd #2500) at the gate just east of the cabin and the lower part of the Lewis Creek Trail (#181) will be closed while the burn is implemented. Information specialists will be available to answer questions regarding the burns.

The Old Chico burn was implemented September 9. The Forest prescribed burned approximately 50 acres and fire managers intend to finish this project by the end of September.

For further information, please contact the Livingston Ranger District at (406) 222-1892 or visit the forest’s website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>.