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BLM Continues Slash Burning

FORT MEADE, S. D.- Slash burning on the last 75 acres of the 2002 Grizzly Gulch Fire area will continue this winter.

To reduce risks, crews will wait until at least two inches of snow are on the ground. Smoke will be closely monitored to ensure that smoke sensitive areas are not impacted. Burning the slash piles helps minimize the amount of fuels remaining on the ground after an area has been treated to reduce fire danger.

Burning on 862 of 937 acres has been completed so far. Burning will also take place near Mt. Roosevelt, Sheeptail Gulch, and the Hearst subdivision. These projects are all on Bureau of Land Management lands adjacent to Lead and Deadwood. When complete, crews will have burned about 4,000 slash piles. .

The Bureau of Land Management will be working cooperatively with crews from the State of South Dakota. Crews will be working in the area as long as conditions warrant. For further information contact the South Dakota Field Office at (605) 892-7000 or Travis Lipp at (605) 720-0747.

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