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## **Plumas National Forest Prescribed Burning**

Fall prescribed burning has begun on the Plumas National Forest. The purpose of burning is to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels that accumulate in the forest, minimizing the potential impact if a wildfire occurs during the summer. Burns are also used to restore native vegetation such as beargrass, and to improve general forest health. Most of the planned burning will complete Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group fuel-break work within defensible fuel profile zones.

Smoke from these projects may be visible from many parts of the county. Fire management personnel work with the Redding Fire Weather Center, the Northeast Air Alliance, local air quality managers, and adjacent Federal and State Agencies so that smoke impacts to communities are minimized. Even with these precautions, some smoke may settle into the valleys during the evenings and early morning hours until atmospheric conditions allow for smoke dispersal. Opportunities to burn are typically limited to several weeks in the spring and fall and are dependent on favorable weather conditions, fuel moisture levels, and the availability of fire crews.

The Feather River Ranger District has 37 acres to burn: Lexington Hill near LaPorte (17 acres), Tamarack (10 acres), and Sugarberry (10 acres).

The Beckwourth Ranger District has 1,220 acres available to burn: Abbey Ridge near Lake Davis (200 acres), Crocker Campground (35 acres), Dooley Canyon (50 acres), Rogers Canyon (150 acres) and Mabie near Delleker and Portola (500 acres).

The Mt. Hough Ranger District has 2,250 acres available to burn: Green Flat northeast of Taylorsville near Franks Valley (200 acres), Empire northeast of Quincy near Massack (100 acres), Ridge northwest of Quincy on the ridgeline above and north of Snake Lake (100 acres), Meadow Valley southeast of Meadow Valley

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(100 acres), and the Chandler on the north side of Chandler Road (100 acres), north of Quincy. Additionally, machine and handpiles include Antelope Roadside, Sage, Last Chance, Snake, Silver, Deans, Guard, Corridor, Taylorsville, and Red Clover Estates.

The number of acres burned in any given season is highly variable, and depends upon the number of days when weather conditions allow for both the burning to be completed safely and the smoke impacts to communities minimized.

Questions regarding the fall burning program may be directed to Pete Duncan, Forest Fuels Officer, Plumas National Forest, (530) 283-2050.

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**Key points:**

- 1) Prescribed burn projects on the Plumas National Forest have begun.**
- 2) Smoke may be visible from communities far removed from the immediate project area.**
- 3) For questions regarding the burning program, contact Pete Duncan at (530) 283-2050.**