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Community Meeting for Upcoming Prescribed Burn

Placerville CA ... The Eldorado National Forest is planning a community meeting for interested public and residents who would like to learn more about the Henry's Prescribed Burn Project which will be implemented in 2009. The community meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at the Grizzly Flat Community Church, 5061 Sciaroni Road, Grizzly Flat CA 95636 at 10:00 a.m.

“Informing and educating the public and residents about this Prescribed Burn project is a high priority,” said Brian Levine, Fuels Specialist. “This project is an important element to protecting the community in the event of a wildfire.”

The Henry’s Prescribed Burn Project will treat approximately 2,000 acres of fuels below the Grizzly Flat community in the north fork of the Cosumnes River. Approximately 900 acres are planned to be treated in the late winter or early spring and approximately 1100 acres in the fall. This predominately ponderosa pine forest area contains areas of extremely steep slopes and dense vegetation which could result in severe fire behavior and endanger the communities Grizzly Flat and Omo Ranch in the event of a wildfire.

The Henry’s Prescribed Burn Project has been designed to reduce the quantity of hazardous fuels or dense, overgrown vegetation; such as, brush and small trees that can lead a fire from the ground to the crown of the trees like a ladder. This project will also reintroduce fire into the ecosystem in a controlled manner and improve habitat for deer.

For more information on the Henry’s Prescribed Burn Project visit the website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado or contact Brian Levine, Fuels Specialist, at 530- 644-6402.

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