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Prescribed Burn In Progress On the Eldorado

Placerville CA ... The Eldorado National Forest is planning to continue with the Cat Anderson Prescribed Burn north of Highway 88 this week in the Middle Fork of the Cosumnes River area. Approximately 300 acres are scheduled to be control burned on Wednesday and another 200 acres on Thursday.

"Fire is a natural part of the ecosystem" said Jennifer Boyd, Fuels Specialist. "Prescribed burning allows us to reintroduce it back into the forest under carefully controlled conditions after a 100 years of fire suppression resulting in an healthier and safer forest."

Residents and travelers can expect to see smoke from prescribed fire project areas. Smoke management is part of every prescribed fire burn plan, and efforts will be taken to reduce actual or potential smoke impacts on community areas. This and other prescribed fire projects are designed to reduce wildfire risks to communities and critical resources. Be advised that Sierra Pacific Industries is also conducting prescribed fire operations on their private timber lands during this period.

For more information on the Fuels Projects on national forest land planned for this fall and winter visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado. To be added to the smoke notification list contact Jennifer Boyd, Forest Fuels Specialist, at 530- 622-5061.