



# News Release

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The Bighorn National Forest, Tongue Ranger District, plans on burning in the Story Fuels project in the next 8 to 10 weeks. This period will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 and continue into May, however, burning will not occur everyday. The project area is adjacent and to the West of the community of Story Wyoming. A total of 200 acres is scheduled for burning. The goal of the burn is to reduce hazardous fuels and return the influence of fire to these fire adapted ecosystems. Prescribed burning is also scheduled to occur in the Garden of the Gods area along highway 14A west of Burgess Junction. Approximately 1500 acres is planned to be burned in a mosaic pattern. The goal of the burning is to improve wildlife habitat and range conditions, reduce hazardous fuels and return the influence of fire to these fire adapted ecosystems. For further information contact Kevin Hillard at 307-674-2691.

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