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# Big Timber Ranger District News Release



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## Big Timber District Prescribed Burns

Big Timber, MT – The Big Timber Ranger District is planning to implement multiple prescribed burns this spring, weather permitting, to increase public and firefighter safety within project areas.

“The transition from late winter into early spring historically offers the best opportunity to implement prescribed burning projects. The cooler evening temperatures and higher relative humidity’s help control the size and intensity of prescribed burns,” said Ashley Sites, Gallatin National Forest East Zone Fire Management Officer.

Fire personnel plan to continue implementing the Long Mountain and Main Boulder Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects. The largest burn approximately 2,300 acres, located in the Dry Fork of the East Boulder River Corridor.

“Units being prescribed burned this spring within the Main Boulder Corridor range in size from less than ten acres to 155 acres. The largest of these prescribed burning areas is located just north of the Main Boulder Station,” said Sites. “The remaining units are located south of the Main Boulder Station and are adjacent to the main road.”

There will be an open house at the Big Timber Ranger District on April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to discuss these projects. For additional information, please contact the Big Timber Ranger District at (406) 932-5155 or visit us on the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/>.

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