



NEWS RELEASE

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Carson Ranger District
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Forest Service to Burn Piles as Weather Permits This Winter

Carson City, Nevada...Forest Service fire crews will begin burning wood piles as soon as weather permits in the Browns Creek area of Upper Washoe. Browns Creek is located approximately seven miles up State Route 431, the Mt. Rose Highway, off Browns Creek Road. As part of the Carson Ranger District Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project, fire crews have been monitoring weather conditions daily since the first week in December. Weather monitoring will help identify dates that would be suitable for safe and effective burning in the Upper Washoe area.

The wood piles range in size from 4 feet X 4 feet to 8 feet X 8 feet, and are located throughout the project site. Approximately two tons of fuel will be burned in the Upper Washoe area. Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke off of State Route 431, Mt. Rose Highway, when the burns are occurring.

Forest Service fire crews used chainsaws last year to cut brush and small diameter trees within the project area and piled over 500 piles in preparation for this project. Burning wood piles from fuels reduction projects is an efficient way of removing the debris and providing further defensible space for adjacent property owners.

This project will have some short-term impacts on air quality levels, but air quality levels will comply with all State and Federal air quality regulations. Any burning activity will be accomplished during weather conditions that would minimize impacts of smoke on communities. All burning is done within parameters set forth in an approved burn plan.

For more information on this release, contact Marnie Bonesteel at 775-882-2766.

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Upper Washoe Pile Burn
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Reno



Treatment Area

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Treatment Area

Washoe Lake

Carson City

