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Prescribed Burn Planned In Eldorado National Forest

USDA Forest Service fire personnel intend to continue this year's "prescribed burning" activities in the Eldorado National Forest during the next few weeks. Approximately 200 acres of national forest lands are scheduled to be prescribed burned in an understory fire application, starting Monday, January 29, 2007.

Protecting our local communities and making the national forest less susceptible to wildfires is a major emphasis in Forest Service land management activities. The timing of the actual ignition of a prescribed burn project depends on weather conditions, moisture in the fuels we intend to burn, our ability to control the fires, and permission from the local air pollution control district.

The 200 acre burn is located near Hazel Valley and Park Creek Road, (township 11 north range 13 east sections 34, 35) within the Placerville Ranger District. Every prescribed burn is designed to minimize smoke drifting into residential areas. Anyone with respiratory illness or thinks the smoke might adversely affect them should contact Sean Ferrell or Gary Humphrey at the Placerville Ranger District at (530) 644-2324.

Smoke may continue to be present for days after the burn based on weather and the fuel to be ignited. Persons driving in the vicinity of the burns may encounter reduced highway visibility.

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