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Inyo National Forest Prescribed Fire Projects

BISHOP, Calif., January 27, 2013 - The Inyo National Forest will be conducting prescribed pile burning operations at sites located along the Highway 395 corridor around Crowley Lake from Tom's Place and Sunny Slopes to McGree Creek this winter, as weather conditions allow.

Smoke may be visible at times from Highways 395 and from nearby communities. Prior to burning, much consideration goes into current and forecasted wind direction in order to limit the effects of smoke on nearby communities and recreation sites.

The purpose of the burning is to reduce hazardous fuels and to restore fire-adapted ecosystem conditions. These types of projects are fully supported by direction in the National Fire Plan and the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan as amended by the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment.

For more information regarding this project please contact Robert Bauer, Fire Management Officer at the White Mountain Ranger Station at (760) 873-2541.

Questions regarding air quality issues can be directed to the Great Basin Unified Air pollution Control District at (760) 872-8211.

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