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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

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Forest Service Pile Burning This Fall in Alpine County, Sierra County, Washoe County, Carson City and Douglas County

Carson City, Nevada...As part of the Carson Ranger District Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, Forest Service fire crews will begin pile burning on approximately 605 acres scheduled to start Oct. 27, 2014, through May 15, 2015, weather and fuel conditions permitting.

Specific locations in Alpine include: Highway 88 near Scott's Lake, south of the junction with Highway 89; Off of Pleasant Valley Road behind Markleevillage and along Highway 88 in the Woodfords Canyon and near Crystal Springs Campground.

Specific Locations in Sierra County California include: Dog Valley.

Specific locations in Washoe County include: Peavine Mountain near Bordertown; Mt. Rose Area near Timberline Road in the Thomas Creek, Jones Creek and Whites Creek areas, and in Washoe Valley near Will Sauer Road and in Little Valley.

Specific locations in Carson City and Douglas County include: Clear Creek drainage off of US Highway 50 below Spooner Summit.

"Prescribed fire is an efficient way of removing woody debris, providing ecosystem benefits, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and risk to firefighters in the event of a large scale fire," said Steve Howell, District Fuels Specialist. Benefits of these burns will also improve forest health and wildlife habitat.

Fire personnel are currently monitoring weather conditions to identify timeframes that would be suitable for effective pile burning conditions. Prescribed fire notices have been posted near residences near the project area notifying of the pile burns this fall. Visitors and residents can expect to see smoke when the burns are occurring.

This project may 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 and conform to the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District in Alpine County.

For more information about the project, contact Steve Howell, Fuels Specialist at 775 884-8114.

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