

# Pile burning in Truckee Ranger District

The Truckee Ranger District has begun burning piles in the Alder Creek drainage. This pile burning project is one more step in the continuing work in the Alder Creek area to reduce fuel loading in the wildland urban interface.

Over the past five years the Truckee Ranger District has emphasized fuel reduction in this area using tools such as mechanical thinning to remove the fuel from the site, and mastication to reduce ladder fuels on site. The overall project area is from Hillside Drive down to Highway 89 north, within the Alder Creek drainage on National Forest system lands.

Burning will be completed in stages in order to facilitate smoke dispersal and limit smoke impacts to residences. Residences may notice smoke in the area at times. Smoke may settle into drainages during the evenings and mornings until daytime heating increases smoke dispersal.

Fuels management personnel work with the California Air Resources Board and the local air quality management districts to plan the pile burning so that smoke impacts to communities are minimized. Burning operations will be monitored by Forest Service personnel on a regular basis.

If you have any questions or concerns about the pile burning project, call Linda Ferguson at the Truckee Ranger District at (530) 587.3558.