

Expect significant smoke from East Shore pile burning

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews may conduct prescribed fire operations on the East Shore near Secret Harbor on Nov. 28.

The project is approximately 100 acres and consists of piles of vegetation and woody materials remaining after fuels reduction efforts aimed at reducing wildfire risk.

The Forest Service is considering staffing a prescribed fire information station during this project. If weather conditions are favorable and fuels management staff decides to proceed with the operation, additional details regarding hours and location will follow.

Because of the project size, Lake Tahoe residents and visitors may see a significant amount of smoke rising from the project area. Smoke will be visible on Highway 28. Forest Service prescribed fire managers expect good dispersion of smoke based on predicted weather.

The Forest Service strives to minimize the impacts of smoke on local communities. Smoke-sensitive residents should consider staying indoors and keeping doors, windows and outside vents closed.

To directly receive prescribed fire updates, send an email to pa_ltbmu@fs.fed.us.