

USFS pile burning near Luther Pass

U.S. Forest Service fuels management crews resumed prescribed fire operations Jan. 23 off Highway 89 near South Lake Tahoe.

Crews are burning piles in the Luther Pass campground and will continue operations through Jan. 24, weather and conditions permitting.

All prescribed fire projects are conducted in accordance with an approved prescribed fire burn plan. Burn plans describe specific conditions under which operations are conducted including the weather, number of personnel, opportunities to minimize smoke impacts, and available burn days. This information is used to decide when and where to burn.

Smoke from prescribed fire may continue for several days after the initial ignition. Smoke that settles in low lying areas in the morning usually lifts out of the area during normal daytime heating.

Forest Service staff post road signs around the areas affected by the prescribed fire, send email notifications, and update the local fire information line at (530) 5432600, ext. 6. To receive prescribed fire notifications, send an email to pa_ltbmu@fs.fed.us.