

USFS to pile burn on South Shore

The U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit could begin the fall/winter prescribed fire program next week.

The first operation may take place near South Tahoe High School on Oct. 14 or Oct. 15. Approximately 100 acres may be burned depending on weather and fuel conditions.

In the event that conditions are not suitable for burning near the high school, operations may take place on 15 acres in Christmas Valley.

Fall and winter bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which favor prescribed burning.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size.

Before prescribed fire operations are conducted, Forest Service staff post road signs around areas affected by prescribed fire, send email notifications and update the local fire information line at 530.543.2600, ext. 6. To receive prescribed fire notifications, send an email to pa_ltbmu@fs.fed.us.