

USFS gearing up for seasonal burns

Eldorado National Forest will begin controlled burns as soon as weather conditions are favorable. Approximately 4,660 acres of National Forest land are slated to be burned this fall, winter and spring.

The prescribed burns that are planned will occur in the following Eldorado National Forest locations over the fall, winter and spring:

- **Amador Ranger District:**

- Lost Horse Prescribed Burn (Units 3-6) – 423 acres located on the north side of Hwy 88 across from Bear River road.
- Mokey Bear – 360 acres just east of Lumberyard on Highway 88.
- Oski Bear – 373 acres south of Bear River Reservoir.
- Amador District Pile Burn – 100 acres district wide.

- **Placerville Ranger District:**

- Iron Trap Prescribed Understory (Unit 27, 17, and 1) – 1,445 acres located near the intersection of Mormon Emigrant Trail and Silver Fork Road
- Marshall Mine Prescribed Understory – 142 acres located near Happy Valley and 880 acres near Baltic Ridge
- Grizzly Flat Prescribed Burn – 7 acres near Grizzly Flat
- Silver Saddle (Units G, I, J) – 276 acres near Silver Fork road.
- Placerville District Pile Burn – approximately 111 acres of pile burning on Silver Fork road, the Baltic Ridge area, at the Institute of Forest Genetics, at Sly Park Station and at Grizzly Flat Station.

- **Pacific Ranger District:**

- Understory Burn – 350 acres. Pacific District Pile Burn – 100 acres district wide.

- **Georgetown Ranger District:**

- Georgetown District Pile Burn – 100 acres district wide.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size. Project managers coordinate with state and local county air pollution control districts and monitor weather conditions closely prior to and during prescribed fire projects. Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area, to verify how effectively fuels are consumed and where smoke is expected to travel.