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Forest “Chapparal” prescribed pile burn planned s

SANTA FE, NM— The Chapparal prescribed pile burn is planned on the Santa Fe National Forest Cuba Ranger District beginning Thursday and/or Friday if conditions allow, and may resume after the weekend. Up to 20 acres per day 3until 160 total acres are treated. Anticipated completion is sometime in January.

The purpose of the prescribed pile burn will be to reduce the risk of future high intensity fire and restore forest health.

Smoke levels are expected to be low but could be visible to La Cueva, Jemez Springs, Jemez Pueblo, Gilman and San Ysidro, as well as from Highway 4 and Highway 126.

Smoke from prescribed fire can be a nuisance to some people and a health concern for others, such as children, pregnant women, senior citizens, and those suffering from allergies, asthma, chemical sensitivities, or other heart or lung diseases. To reduce exposure to smoke, stay indoors as much as possible with windows, doors and vents closed. Avoid or limit physical activities outdoors.

In the evenings, smoke settles into low lying areas, including drainages; however, lifts by mid-morning when the sun rises. Residents living in such low-lying areas may be most affected. Information on health impacts from smoke can be found by calling the New Mexico Department of Health at 1-888-878-8992.

For more information on the planned prescribed burn, William Maestas at (575)289-3264. Also, follow us on Twitter: SantaFeNF@SantafeNF.

