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Camp Antelope Pile Prescribed Burn to Begin Soon

Bridgeport, CA...Cheryl Probert, Bridgeport District Ranger on the Humboldt – Toiyabe National Forest, announced today that approximately 10 acres of piles will be burned behind Camp Antelope as weather permits in the next few weeks. The site is approximately 2 miles southeast of Walker, California, on the east side of Highway 395, and is expected to be completed by March. Residents of the communities of Walker, Camp Antelope, and Coleville can expect to see light smoke on the pile burning days.

The project will reduce the dense accumulation of dead vegetation, brush, and ladder fuels, which are lower tree limbs that can carry fire into the tree crowns, in an area that is prone to wildland fires. Other benefits include increasing the defensible space between private property and the adjacent wildland.

The project will only be conducted under a strict burning prescription; the project is staffed with the necessary firefighters to conduct a safe burn with a minimum impact to air quality.

Contact the following Forest Service employees to learn more about this release: Bridgeport Fire Management Officer, Grace Newell, at 760-932-5802, or Fuels Management Specialist, Annamaria Echeverria, at 760-932-5803.

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