



NEWS RELEASE

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
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Forest Service to Burn Piles as Weather Permits This Winter

Carson City, Nevada...Forest Service fire crews will begin burning wood piles as soon as weather permits in the Franktown and Browns Creek area of Upper Washoe. Franktown is located in the foothills of west Washoe Valley near Franktown Creek, off Old Ranch road. Browns Creek is located approximately 7 miles up State Route 431, the Mt. Rose Highway, off Browns Creek road. As part of the Carson Ranger District Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project fire crews have been monitoring weather conditions daily since the first week in December. Weather monitoring will help identify dates that would be suitable for safe and effective burning in the Upper Washoe area.

This project ties into the work completed last year by the Nevada Fire Safe Council, including the University of Nevada Reno and adjacent private land owners. "This project and adjacent work is an example of multiple jurisdictions and cooperators working together to reduce fuels and risk of a large scale fire," said Carson District Ranger Genny Wilson. "The cooperation has been tremendous."

Forest Service fire crews used chainsaws last year to cut brush and small diameter trees within the project area and piled over 1,000 piles in preparation for this project. Burning wood piles from fuels reduction projects is an efficient way of removing the debris and providing further defensible space for adjacent property owners. These piles range in size from 4 feet by 4 feet to 8 feet by 8 feet, and are located throughout the project site. Approximately two tons of fuel will be burned in the Upper Washoe area. Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke in Washoe Valley and off of State Route 431, Mt. Rose Highway, when the burns are occurring.

This project will have some short-term impacts on air quality levels, but air quality levels will comply with all State and Federal air quality regulations. Any burning activity will be accomplished during weather conditions that would minimize impacts of smoke on communities. All burning is done within parameters set forth in an approved burn plan.

For more information on this release, contact Marnie Bonesteel at 775 882-2766.

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Upper Washoe Pile Burn
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Reno



Treatment Area

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Treatment Area

Washoe Lake

Carson City

