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Spring Mountains National Recreation Area
Known to Las Vegas Residents as Mt. Charleston
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
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Forest Service to Burn Piles through January 2009

Las Vegas, Nevada...Forest Service fire crews will burn wood piles in the Mountain Springs and Trout Canyon areas through the month of January, starting Wednesday, January 7. Pile burning is one component of the Spring Mountains Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project, a seven-million-dollar operation funded by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act.

"We are monitoring weather conditions constantly to ensure safe and effective burning," said Stephanie Phillips, Deputy Forest Supervisor. "The Forest Service is committed to protecting the lives of firefighters, residents, and visitors of the Spring Mountains," Phillips added.

Cool temperatures and low winds during the month of January will help to minimize impacts of smoke on communities. Residents and visitors can expect to see smoke when the burns are occurring. All burning is done within parameters set forth in an approved burn plan, and air quality levels will remain within all State and Federal air quality standards.

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