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## **Hat Creek Ranger District Prepares To Begin Prescribed Burning Program**

Even though the Lassen National Forest is currently in Fire Restrictions, the Hat Creek Ranger District is preparing to begin implementation of the fall prescribed fire program. Burning will begin as soon as weather conditions will ensure safe and efficient burning conditions.

Approximately 2500 acres of understory burning will be conducted in the Wiley Ranch area, North Coble, Pittville, and Blacks Ridge areas. Additionally, an estimated 1200 acres of pile burning, scattered throughout the Hat Creek Ranger District will be done. Burning will take place on permissive burn days.

The objectives of our Prescribed Burn Program are to:

- Reduce natural and management activity created fuels.
- Reduce the threat of catastrophic fires, such as the recent fires across the interior west.
- Enhance forage opportunities for wildlife by increasing new growth.

The Hat Creek Ranger District is committed to returning your forest to a more natural fire resistant state through the combined use of mechanical treatment and prescribed fire. For more information please contact Fire Management Officer John Stauffer, or Fuels Management Officers John Colby or Debbie Mayer at 336-5521.

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