

Prescribed Fire Information

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Stanislaus National Forest



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Prescribed Fire for Resource and Public Benefits

Prescribed Fire Name / Ranger District	<i>Femmons Underburn- Groveland Ranger District</i>
General and Specific Location	<i>The Femmons prescribed burn is located in T1N, R18E section 17 in the Granite watershed Located approximately 8 miles northeast of the community of Groveland. The project surrounds lower and upper Femmons Meadow and Corral Creek borders the north boundary. Access is from 3N01 to road 1N84 and 2N10Y which intersect the burn units.</i>
Projected Duration	<i>Ignition of the prescribed burn is expected between 10/13/08 and 10/31/08 contingent on fuel conditions; once ignited controlled burning is expected to continue for several days. Burning is contingent on weather, fuel moisture, and air quality. All burning is monitored and conducted in accordance with state and county air quality guidelines and closely coordinated with local county air quality control districts.</i>
Planned Size of Prescribed Burn	<i>A total of 194 acres will be treated with low-intensity fire, with planned ignition on approximately 105 acres for unit 1 and 89 acres for unit 2 with anticipated ignition lasting 2 days for each unit . Size of burn may vary with weather and fuel moisture conditions, as well as permissible air quality burn days.</i>
Type of Prescribed Burn	<i>Broadcast underburn in a mixed conifer stand partially treated with hand work and mastication.</i>
Burn Project Objectives	<i>Reduce the buildup of flammable forest fuels,both ground fuels and ladder fuels; reduce the threat of uncontrolled, large and damaging fires;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• Improve protection for property and natural resources in Forest Service land and adjacent private lands of Sierra Pacific Industry SPI.</i><i>• Enhance wildlife habitat improved deer browse and the enhanced protection of Spotted Owl habitat;</i><i>• Protection of the Granite watersheds</i>
Public Benefits	<i>Prescribed burning is an effective, cost efficient method of reducing flammable forest fuels, improving firefighting capabilities, and reducing the impacts of large, uncontrolled damaging wildland fires.</i>
Resource Benefits	<i>Controlled, or "prescribed", low-intensity fires enhance wildlife habitat, protect and maintain water quality and soil productivity, improve forest ecosystem health, and reduce the threat of uncontrolled conflagrations. The Sierra Nevadas are a fire-dependent ecosystem, where fire is part of natural forest processes.</i>
Public Advisory	<i>This project is a planned prescribed fire. Please do not report as a wildland fire. Thank you for your cooperation!</i>