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Prescribed Burn Scheduled for October 17 NE of Dolores

DOLORES, Colo., October 16th, 2023—The San Juan National Forest’s Dolores Ranger District is planning to conduct a prescribed burn this week on Forest land near Boggy Draw, about 5 miles northeast of Dolores. The prescribed burn is expected to last 1-2 days, and, weather-permitting, will begin Tuesday, October 17th.

Smoke will be visible in Dolores, Cortez, Mancos, Highway 145, 184 and the Highway 491 corridor. Smoke may also settle into low lying valleys and the Dolores River Canyon overnight. All roads and trails in the area will remain open, but people should use caution if traveling in the vicinity, as Fire crews and engines will be operating along the perimeter.

The project area involves 1,094 acres located west of Hwy 145 near the intersection of Forest Roads 528 and 405. Prescribed fire is being implemented to reduce hazardous ground fuels, lessen the risk of unplanned large-scale wildfire, help restore ponderosa pine ecosystems, and improve wildlife habitat. Prescribed fire can also help protect mature trees by reducing the ladder fuels that can carry fire into the canopy.

Maps of the prescribed burn units and additional San Juan National Forest Prescribed Fire Program news can be found on InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-san-juan-national-forest-prescribed-fire-program>

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. More information can be found at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

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