



Prescribed Burn Notice

Eldorado National Forest

Pacific Ranger District



Pacific Pile Burning 2023/2024

Pile Burn

Depending on favorable weather conditions, ignitions are planned:

Between October 24th & March 31st

Why Are We Burning?

The goal of this prescribed burn is to reduce the existing fire hazard, enhance wildlife habitat, and reintroduce fire into a fire-dependent ecosystem.

Why Now?

Fall, winter, and spring bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which favor prescribed burning. Each prescribed fire operation follows a prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. This information is used to decide when and where to burn. We give as much advance notice as possible before burning, but some operations may be conducted on short notice.

Smoke

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions. Smoke typically settles into the valleys in the evening and lifts in the morning. We coordinate with state and local county air pollution control districts and monitor weather conditions closely prior to prescribed fire ignition. Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area, to verify how effectively fuels are consumed and how smoke will travel.

- ⇒ Follow us on Twitter @EldoradoNF for updates.
- ⇒ Contact Jacobie Waters (530) 414-3470 or jacobie.waters@usda.gov for more information regarding smoke

Location

Throughout the Pacific Ranger District. There are concentrations of piles in the Peavine Ridge area, and north of Airport Flat, in addition to the piles throughout the administrative sites and campgrounds throughout the district.

Contact

For questions about this project, call the Pacific Ranger District at (530) 644-2324.

The Eldorado National Forest Website is:
www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado

