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Marshall Mine Understory Burning on the Placerville, Ranger District

Pollock Pines, Calif, October 4, 2023 - Taking advantage of favorable weather conditions, the Eldorado National Forest has planned an understory prescribed firing operation in the Marshall Mine area, 5420 Sly Park Road. Firing operations will occur during the week of October 23rd and crews are looking to burn approximately 120 acres within two days. Pollock Pines residents are invited to attend a community meeting Saturday October 7th at 4:00 p.m. with Eldorado National Forest Fire Management team to discuss any questions or concerns in regard to the prescribed firing operations. The community meeting will be held at Sierra Springs Station: 5601 Sly Park Road, Pollock Pines CA, 95726.

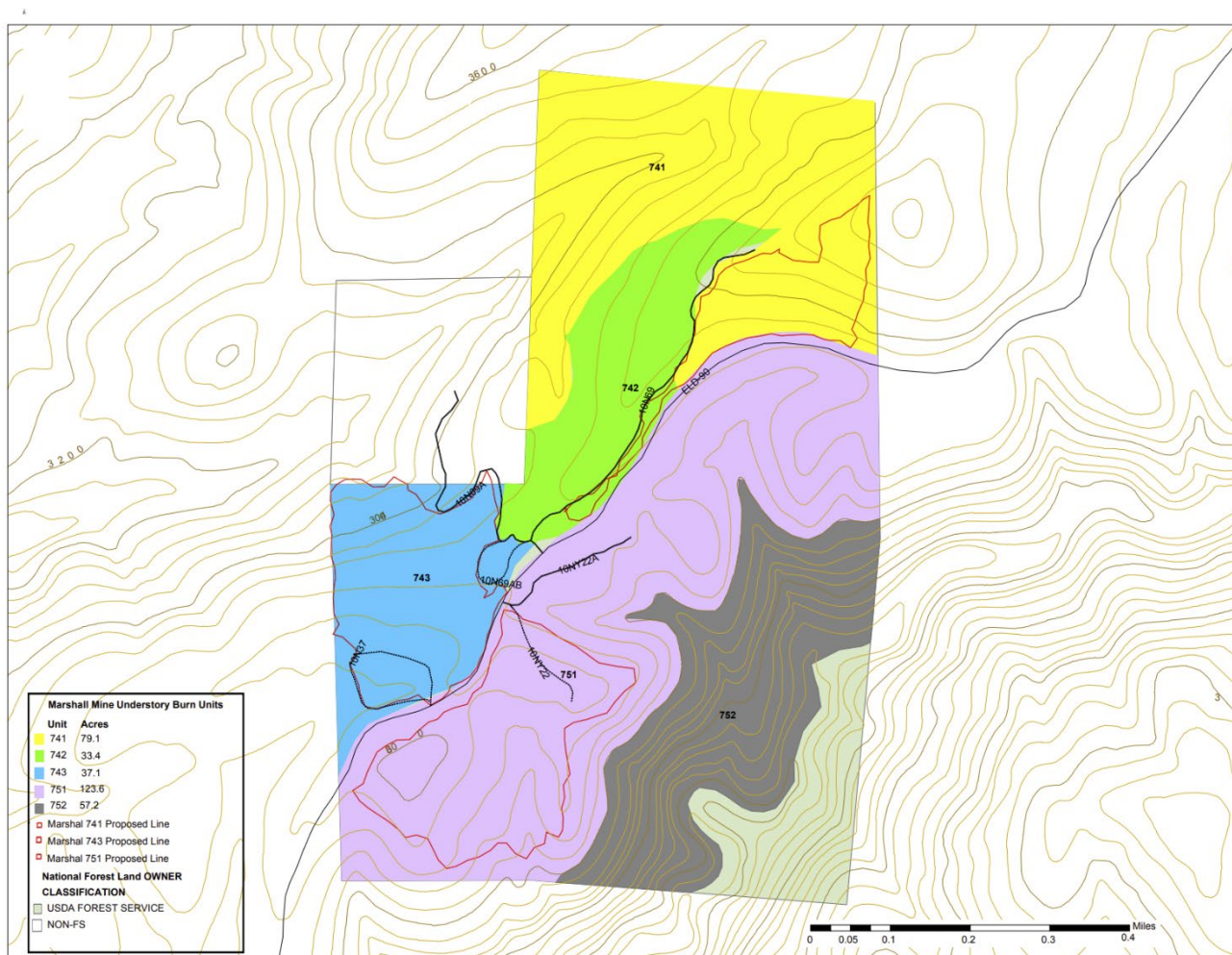
Every understory burning operation follows a specialized burn plan, in which temperature, humidity, wind, vegetation moisture, and smoke dispersal conditions are considered daily before a prescribed fire is implemented. This operation is a part of the Marshall Mine prescribed burn, an ongoing fuels treatment project on the Eldorado National Forest. Weather permitting, the goal is to have ignitions carried out on October 23rd and then additional days dedicated to mop-up securement and patrolling as needed. There will be no closures in the area during operations. Depending on wind direction, there could be traffic delays on Sly Park Road around the area.

By removing excess vegetation, prescribed fires can reduce the severity of future wildfires and help protect communities and create more resilient landscapes. It also can promote new growth, which provides forage for wildlife, recycles nutrients back into the soil, and helps reduce the spread of insects and disease in forests.

With all fire comes smoke, and the U.S. Forest Service works to mitigate smoke impacts from prescribed fires on the local communities. While smoke may be visible in the area during the prescribed fire operation, individuals with respiratory issues or sensitive conditions should take precautions to avoid exposure to smoke. Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size, conditions, and weather. Prescribed fire smoke is generally less intense and of much shorter duration than smoke produced by unwanted wildfires. Fire managers consider optimal conditions for dispersal and duration of smoke impacts when planning prescribed burns.

The Eldorado Nation Forest will provide updates and information about the prescribed fire operation to the public as needed. Please visit the InciWeb page for updates <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/caenf-2023-eldorado-national-forest-projects> or visit our social media pages at Twitter at <https://twitter.com/EldoradoNF> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/eldoradonf>.

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