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Inyo National Forest Seeks Input for Swall Meadow Fuels Reduction Plan

The Inyo National Forest is seeking input to the proposed hazardous fuels reduction project near the community of Swall Meadows within the Round Fire perimeter.

The project is 108 acres, including a construction of new shaded fuel breaks and maintenance of an existing shaded fuel break. Fuels reduction treatments would be conducted on either side of Swall Meadows and Sky Meadows Roads. An additional unit would extend south and east from Swall Meadows Road along the private lands boundary.

The purpose of this project is to remove standing dead fuels improving defensible space and safe ingress/egress for the community and emergency responders in the event of a future wildfire event. Subsequent reforestation with native tree species may occur in areas that had high rates of mortality from the wildfire to accelerate restoration of the burned area.

Fuel treatment activities would include dead tree cutting; live tree pruning; chipping of cut limbs, tops, and boles; mowing or masticating of shrubs; and use of prescribed fire to burn piles of cut limbs, tops, and boles where access is limited. All activities would occur in Jeffrey pine, juniper/pinyon woodlands, and sagebrush communities.

For more details or provide input, contact Andrew Weinhart at aweinhart@fs.fed.us or at 760-924-5550.

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