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U.S. FOREST SERVICE TO BEGIN SPRING BURNING IN BACA COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD, Colo., March, 11, 2016 – The U.S. Forest Service, Comanche National Grassland is planning a prescribed fire in Baca County approximately 11 miles east of Campo, Colorado. If favorable weather conditions exist, approximately 300 acres will be ignited between March 21 and April 12, 2016 at Prairie Chicken Allotment (County Road G and County Road 40).

The planned projects involve broadcast burning to enhance ecosystem health, Lesser-Prairie chicken habitat and reduce hazardous fuel accumulations. Skilled fire crews will be on-scene to ignite and monitor the burn.

Ignition will take place when weather and fuel conditions are such that the fire behavior will be within the burn plan limitations and substantial smoke impacts are unlikely to surrounding communities. Expect smoke to be visible from many locations during burning operations in the Baca County area. Smoke may linger after ignition is completed. For more information see: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

For more information regarding this project, please contact the U.S. Forest Service – Comanche Ranger District at 719-523-6591.

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