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### **U.S. FOREST SERVICE PLANS PRESCRIBED BURN ON THE SALIDA RANGER DISTRICT**

SALIDA, CO., March 22, 2016 – The U.S. Forest Service, San Isabel National Forest-Salida Ranger District is planning a prescribed burn in Chaffee County in mid to late April, 2016. Temporary road closures will be necessary to provide for public and firefighter safety.

The prescribed burn is located:

- Five miles east of Buena Vista near Shields Gulch, adjacent to CR 315 and Forest Road 376A - approximately 200 acres

This project involves burning to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels, restore and maintain healthy and diverse forest ecosystems and maintain and enhance wildlife habitat.

Prescribed fire is an important tool in reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire across the landscape and can help prevent extreme fires by reducing hazardous fuel buildup. Prescribed fires also minimize impacts to air quality when compared to wildfires. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see: [www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health](http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health). Safety for the public and firefighters is the top priority when considering any prescribed fire operation on the landscape.

Weather and fuel conditions may affect the dates for ignition and fire personnel will monitor conditions to determine if and when ignition should take place. Once the burn begins, smoke will be visible for several days throughout the Arkansas River Valley and Park County.

More information is available by calling the Salida Ranger District at 719-539-3591.

Follow us on Twitter for up-to-date information about this prescribed burn project: @PSICC\_NF, #SalidaRD and #NTroutCreekRx.

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