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# News Release

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## USFS TO RESUME PRESCRIBED BURNING IN SOUTHERN COLORADO

**CANON CITY, Colo.,**– September 13, 2016...Fire crews from the San Carlos Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service Pike and San Isabel National Forests , Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands will continue their prescribed burning program this fall and winter. Prescribed fire is carried out in the spring and fall, outside of wildfire season. Planned ignitions will begin when weather and fuel conditions become optimal for achieving management objectives while minimizing smoke impacts to surrounding communities.

An estimated 1300 acres of broadcast burns are planned over the course of several months, primarily in the Black Mountain area about ten miles north of Gardner in Huerfano County. An eight-acre project is planned near the Lake Isabel Work Center, about seven miles northwest of Rye in Pueblo County. Additional pile burning projects are listed here: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/psicc/home/?cid=stelprd3856407>

Prescribed fire and pile burning, combined with mechanical and/or hand thinning treatments, are effective land management tools used to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels including old and dense vegetation. Minimizing hazardous fuels reduces fire intensity and the risk of catastrophic wildland fires. In turn, this action minimizes the risk to firefighter and public safety. Additional benefits include improved wildlife habitat, healthy and resilient landscapes and a step towards the long term sustainability of healthier ecosystems.

Smoke from all prescribed fires is closely monitored to ensure that the conditions for smoke dispersal are being met. These conditions reduce the likelihood of undesired smoke impacts. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

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