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## **Pike National Forest Hosting an Open House on Prescribed Fire Project on Bear Mountain Near Sedalia**

**PUEBLO, Colo.,** September 26, 2016 The U.S. Forest Service plans to burn about 275 acres on the South Platte Ranger District this fall in Douglas County. Burning will take place approximately three miles southwest of Indian Creek near the Moonridge area. The broadcast burns will involve the ignition of surface fuels within identified and well prepared units.

An open house-style public meeting on the plans will be held October 6 from 5-7 p.m. at West Douglas Fire Protection District, 4037 Platte Ave. Sedalia, CO 80135. Residents who have questions or concerns in regards to the planned prescribed burns are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Burning may begin as soon as October and continue through the fall. Ignitions 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.

Forest managers say the prescribed fires can minimize hazardous fuels reducing 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 and long-term sustainability of healthier ecosystems and the services they provide. These burns are usually done every spring and fall when conditions permit.

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