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Prescribed fire activity on the Angeles National Forest

ARCADIA, Calif. – The U.S. Forest Service will soon start annual prescribed burning operations on the Angeles National Forest to reduce the risk of wildfire to people and communities across the Southland. These efforts will foster a healthier ecosystem and minimize the effects of large wildfires on the landscape.

Forest fire officials implement fuels and vegetation management projects throughout the year, some of which are in preparation for prescribed fires. These projects are part of a continuing effort to reduce the threat of wildfire and improve forest health. The prescribed fire program will continue through the winter and spring months as weather and other environmental factors permit.

When implementing these projects, fire managers follow a burn plan that outlines the “prescription” or environmental conditions such as temperature, wind, fuel moisture, ventilation and relative humidity that will allow for safe, controlled burns to take place. When the criteria are met, crews implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets the goals and objectives outlined by managers. Prescribed fires include both understory and pile burning to reduce the amount of vegetation, such as needles, small plants, brush, and small trees which can carry fire from the forest floor into the treetops.

The ignition of all prescribed burns is dependent on the availability of personnel, equipment and appropriate conditions. Prescribed burn planning and execution are closely coordinated with the National Weather Service and Air Quality Management Districts in order to manage smoke production and minimize impacts as much as possible.

“Staff on the Angeles National Forest work year-round to create resilient landscapes, fire-adapted communities and safe, effective wildfire response in accordance with the National Cohesive Strategy. Fire Management is an essential component of the agency mission as we work towards our strategic goals” said Forest Fire Management Officer *Robert Garcia*



Prescribed burn projects:

San Gabriel Mountains Monument:

Pile Burning:

- Mt. Wilson Communication/Observatory site - 40 acres
- Charlton-Chilao, on the Angeles Crest Highway just south of Three Points – 100 acres
- Crystal Lake and Valley of the Moon, on Hwy 39 just north of Coldbrook Campground – 75 acres
- Barrett Stoddard and Bear Canyon around the community of Mt. Baldy – 85 acres
- Slash and pile burning near various fire stations

Broadcast Burning:

- Tanbark Fuelbreak in the San Dimas Experimental Forest – 100 acres

Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District:

Pile Burning:

- Clear Creek Fuelbreak, on Angeles Crest Highway near Clear Creek fire station – 136 acres
- 7N23 along Liebre Mountain – 100 acres
- Big Pines Hwy, west of Wrightwood – 74 acres
- Slash and pile burning near various fire stations

When burns occur, information signs will be posted along the roadways to alert the public to the burning activity and subsequent visible smoke in the area. Information will also be posted on forest/monument's social media accounts https://twitter.com/Angeles_NF or <https://www.facebook.com/angelesnationalforest/>

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The mission of the U.S. Forest Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests where most Americans live.