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VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE

The Vernal Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest will host an Open House for the East Park Campground Hazardous Fuels Reduction project on February 25, 2005 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Interagency Fire Center, (located behind the Forest Service Supervisor's office).

The East Park Campground is identified as a location at risk from wildfire due to excessive fuel buildup (dead woody debris mixed with dense or overstocked lodgepole pine trees).

The Open House will provide you with an opportunity to see larger scale maps of the proposed fuel treatments, treatment methods, to see before and after treatment pictures, to talk with specialists about the projects, and to discuss your concerns with Forest Service employees.

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The East Park project area is located in the Vernal Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest at an elevation of approximately 9000 feet. The size of the project area is eight hundred acres or less.

For more information you can contact Bill Hayes or Collette Webb at the Vernal Ranger District office, 355 North Vernal Avenue or (435) 789-1181.

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