



# News Release

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## *Mt. Taylor Ranger District planning prescribed burns in the Zuni Mountains*

**Grants, New Mexico. March 13, 2014.** The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Mt. Taylor Ranger District is planning a prescribed burn to clean up residual vegetation from logging operations in the Zuni Mountains.

There are the three prescribed burns planned on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District in 2014. Dates have not been set for these three prescribed burns:

- The Carbon prescribed burn will treat 270 acres of logging slash.
- The Corral prescribed burn will treat 1,000 acres in the Cottonwood Canyon area off of Forest Road 48.3.
- The Red Canyon prescribed burn will treat 800 acres on Forest Road 178 about a mile north of Post Office Flats.

“By completing these prescribed burns, we will reduce hazardous fuels, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, and maintain fire adapted vegetation types,” said District Ranger Matt Reidy.

Burning will only occur when the appropriate weather is forecasted and the required personnel and equipment are available. Fire management crews will patrol for as long as necessary after ignition to ensure public safety.

For more information, please contact the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at: 505.287.8833.

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