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## **Inyo National Forest Plans Fall Prescribed Fires**

The Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts of the Inyo National Forest are planning to implement several prescribed fire projects for habitat improvement and hazardous fuels reduction in the upcoming fall and winter months.

Prescribed fires will be conducted when weather and fuel moisture conditions are within prescription to safely accomplish the project objectives. By prescribing the fire under optimum weather conditions, managers simulate the natural role of fire. This reduces forest competition, opens gaps in the forest canopy for sunlight to shine through, and recycles nutrients to the soil for re-growth.

Smoke may be visible at times from Highways 395, 158, 167, 120 and 203, as well as the communities of Bridgeport, Mono City, Lee Vining, June Lake, Mammoth Lakes and Crowley Lake. All prescribed fire activities will be coordinated with Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District in accordance with air resource objectives.

Understory burning in the Jeffrey pine forest is expected to begin early November in areas east of Highway 395 on National Forest lands near Bald Mountain.

Following the accumulation of snow from fall storms, pile burning will be conducted, and is expected to continue into early winter.

Pile burning is planned on National Forest lands in the Reds Meadow Valley as well as on adjacent Devils Postpile National Monument land in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Pile burning is also planned on National Forest lands at Panorama Dome west of Mammoth Lakes, east of Highway 395 near Smokey Bear Flat, near the Crestview Rest Stop on Highway 395, west of Highway 395 along Deadman Creek Road, east of Highway 395 between the Owens River Road and Bald Mountain Road. In the June Lake area pile burning is planned on National Forest Lands on Reversed Peak and in the Down Canyon & Peterson Tract areas. In the Lee Vining area, pile burning is planned on National Forest lands at the Lee Vining Ranger on Tioga Pass Road.

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