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LONE PINE CANYON PROJECT

San Bernardino, CA- The Front Country Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest is planning to resume work on the Lone Pine fuels treatment project next week, utilizing both hand and helicopter burning operations. Fuels Battalion Chief Ken Kempter, stated that the project will continue contingent on weather conditions and resource availability.

The proposed plan is to complete the hand burning of the fuel breaks around the perimeters of Units 1 & 2 on Wednesday and Thursday, May 3 & 4th, 2006. After these fuel breaks have been burned, helitorch burning of the interiors of Units 1 & 2 is planned for Friday and Saturday, May 5 & 6, 2006.

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Signs will be posted along the Lone Pine Canyon Road with information personnel available at the fire kiosk in Wrightwood and on Highway 138. There are no anticipated main road closures, but there may be some traffic delays. There will be closures of the Forest Service roads in that area, including 3N29, 3N31 and 3N33. The Pacific Crest Trail will also be closed during the project burn period. The project will be staffed by fire personnel for 24 hours a day during burning and mop-up.

The Lone Pine Canyon Fuels Reduction project is an ongoing fuels treatment project that will decrease the threat of wildfire to the communities of Wrightwood and Lytle Creek. For further information please call Pam Bierce, Public Affairs Specialist, 909-382-2896.

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