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## Forest's "Los Posos" prescribed burn underway

**(SANTA FE, NM)**— A prescribed burn is underway today on the Santa Fe National Forest Espanola Ranger District. The name of the burn project is Los Posos, and is taking place three miles Southeast of Cordova and five miles Northeast of Cundiyo.

The project will take one to three days to complete and smoke will likely be visible to residents of Cordova, Cundiyo, Santa Fe, Espanola, Tesuque, Los Alamos, Bernalillo, and Albuquerque. The purpose of the prescribed burn will be to reduce the risk of future high intensity fire and restore forest health. During the burning period, approximately 100 acres will be treated with hand ignitions.

Smoke from prescribed fire can be a nuisance to some people and a health concern for others, such as children, pregnant women, senior citizens, and those suffering from allergies, asthma, chemical sensitivities, or other heart or lung diseases. To reduce exposure to smoke, stay indoors as much as possible with windows, doors and vents closed. Avoid or limit physical activities outdoors.

In the evenings, smoke settles into low lying areas, including drainages; however, lifts by mid-morning when the sun rises. Residents living in such low-lying areas may be most affected.

Information on health impacts from smoke can be found by calling the New Mexico Department of Health at 1-888-878-8992, or visit:

[http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/documents/Health\\_Effects\\_Smoke\\_06152010.pdf](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/documents/Health_Effects_Smoke_06152010.pdf)

For more information on the planned prescribed burn, contact Jon Boe or Wanda Gallegos at (505)753-7331. Also, follow us on Twitter: SantaFeNF@SantafeNF

