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Forest Service Plans Prescribed Burn Near Indian Run State Wildlife Area

(YAMPA, Colo.) March 26, 2012 – The Yampa Ranger District is planning a prescribed burn on Wednesday, March 28 in an area south of the Indian Run State Wildlife Area. The burn unit is 513 acres and smoke could be visible through Thursday.

Ignition will occur six miles south of the intersection of Routt County roads 67 and 29. It is one mile south of the Indian Run State Wildlife Area, roughly 20 miles south of Hayden and 20 miles southeast of Hamilton.

The purpose of the prescribed burn on the Routt National Forest is to reduce hazardous fuels, improve wildlife habitat and restore ecological processes. Fine fuels, such as grass and brush, are the primary fuel in the burn unit.

Burning will not take place unless daily smoke dispersal forecasts are fair, weather favorable and fuel moisture conditions low. Weather forecasts will be closely watched for changes in winds, temperature and humidity. Forest Service fire crews will continue to monitor the burn area until all fires are completely out.

Smoke may be visible from Highways 13 and 40, as well as nearby communities of Craig, Hamilton and Hayden, Colo.

There are multiple burns being planned by the Forest Service in the Indian Run area this spring. It will take at least one to two days to burn each unit. Burning may occur in any unit on any given day, and public access to the burn unit will be prohibited during the burning operations.

Prescribed burns are used by the Forest Service to benefit wildlife and vegetation. A versatile management tool, the burns can reinvigorate rangeland, mimic historically natural fire disturbances, reduce hazardous fuels build-up and improve habitat for a variety of wildlife.

For additional information on the prescribed burn, please contact the Yampa Ranger District office at 970-638-4516 or visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

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