

Prescribed Burn Information

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Prescribed Fire for Resource and Public Benefits

Prescribed Fire Name / Ranger District	Jenkins Star Thistle Broadcast Prescribed Burn- Groveland Ranger District
General and Specific Location	<i>Located approximately nine miles Southeast of Greeley Hill, along Forest Road 2S05 adjacent to Jenkins Ranch, at the specific geographic location of Township 3S, Range 18E, Section 3.</i>
Projected Duration	<i>Ignition of the prescribed burn is expected the week of June 4th through June 8th or the following week of June 11th through the 15th. Controlled burning is expected to last one day. Burning is contingent on weather, condition of the star thistle, and air quality. All burning is monitored and conducted in accordance with state and county air quality guidelines and closely coordinated with local county air quality control districts.</i>
Planned Size of Prescribed Burn	<i>A total of 15 acres is expected to be treated with low-intensity fire. Size of the burn may vary with weather, as well as permissible air quality burn days.</i>
Type of Prescribed Burn	Prescribed broadcast underburn.
Burn Project Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reduce and control the presence of Yellow Star Thistle and reestablish native perennials and annual grasses</i>• <i>Enhance open meadow habitat</i>• <i>Improve wildlife habitat</i>• <i>Reduce dead star thistle fuels caused by years of encroachment</i>• <i>Reduce the buildup of flammable forest ground and ladder fuels</i>
Public Benefits	Controlled, or "prescribed", low-intensity fires enhance wildlife habitat, protect and maintain water quality and soil productivity, improve forest ecological health, and reduce the threat of uncontrolled wildfire. The Sierra Nevada is a fire-dependent ecosystem where fire is part of natural forest processes.
Resource Benefits	Controlling and containing the star thistle seed bank and plant production will reduce the star thistle from spreading to private and public lands. This is the third entry utilizing prescribed fire within this area, monitoring has shown success in controlling and containing the expansive populations of the noxious weeds commonly known as Yellow Star Thistle.
Public Advisory	This project is a planned prescribed fire (controlled burn). Smoke may be visible from Smith Station Road, with some down canyon drift smoke visible in the evening and early morning. Please do not report as a wildland fire. Thank you for your cooperation.