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Magdalena Ranger District Planning Prescribed Burn

MAGDALENA, NM – OCTOBER 11, 2012 - The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Magdalena Ranger District is planning a prescribed burn. The 53-acre Fisher burn is expected to start the week of October 15, 2012 and will continue until completed, depending on weather and vegetation conditions.

The goal of this burn is to eliminate existing piles of timber debris (slash) and to prevent the threat of potential wildfire. The prescribed burn is located in the northwest part of the San Mateo Mountains, approximately 24 miles southwest of Magdalena, New Mexico. The dominant vegetation in the area is ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and piñon/juniper with light to moderate grass cover.

Prior to igniting the burn, the Magdalena Ranger District will ensure that there is a favorable weather forecast and that the required personnel and equipment are on hand. Fire management crews will monitor the burn for as long as necessary to ensure public safety.

During this prescribed burn, there may be delays when traveling Forest Road (FR) 220. There will be additional fire vehicles patrolling and monitoring the area. Please drive carefully when on these roads, as visibility might be lower due to smoke.

For more information contact the Magdalena Ranger District at 575-854-2281 or email cwolfe@fs.fed.us.

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