



# News Release

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## Prescribed Burn Planned for the Bluewater Lake area

**Grants, New Mexico- January 17, 2013.** The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Mt. Taylor Ranger District is planning a prescribed burn to clean up residual vegetation from logging operations in the Zuni Mountains.

The Carbon Piles prescribed burn is expected to take place January 22-25, 2013 to treat approximately 110 acres in the Bluewater Lake area adjacent to private lands. This is the first of four prescribed burns planned on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District in 2013. Dates have not been set for these three prescribed burns:

- The Buckmore prescribed burn will treat approximately 2,000 acres near the old logging town of Buckmore off of FR 421 in Rice Park area.
- The Corral prescribed burn will treat 1,000 acres in the Cottonwood Canyon area off of Forest Road 48.3.
- The Red Canyon prescribed burn will burn 800 acres on Forest Road 178 about a mile north of Post Office Flats.

“By completing these prescribed burns, we will reduce hazardous fuels, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, reintroduce fire to the ecosystem, and maintain fire adapted vegetation types,” said District Ranger Matt Reidy.

Burning will only occur when the appropriate weather is forecasted and the required personnel and equipment are available. Fire management crews will patrol for as long as necessary after ignition to ensure public safety.

For more information, please contact the Mt. Taylor Ranger District at: 505. 287.8833.

