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Magdalena Ranger District Planning Hop Canyon Pile and Broadcast Burn

MAGDALENA, NM – NOVEMBER 4, 2013 - The Cibola National Forest and Grasslands' Magdalena Ranger District is planning a pile and broadcast burn. The 16-acre Hop Canyon Pile Burn and 84-acre Broadcast burn is expected to start the week of November 11, 2013 and will continue through the winter months, until completed, depending on weather and vegetation conditions.

The goal of this burn is to eliminate existing piles from mechanical treatments that have taken place and to prevent the threat of potential wildfire. The burns are located in the Hop Canyon area, which is in the northwest section of the Magdalena Mountains, approximately 5 miles south of Magdalena, New Mexico. The dominant vegetation in the area is ponderosa pine, 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) 101. 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. Smoke will be visible and may settle in the Hop Canyon area during the evening and early morning hours. Use caution and drive with your headlights on.

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

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