

Prescribed Fire Information

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Stanislaus National Forest



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Prescribed Fire for Resource and Public Benefits

Prescribed Fire Name / Ranger District	South 108 Underburn, Units 1-5, Mi-Wok Ranger District
General and Specific Location	Project area is located along Forest Road 3N90, off North Fork Road (Forest Road 3N01N) south of Long Barn, CA. Township 3 North, Range 17 East, Section 29 and 31.
Projected Duration	The prescribed burn may begin in May, 2017 and continue through the spring as long as conditions allow. Burning is contingent on weather, fuel moisture, 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
Planned Size of Prescribed Burn	Cumulative total of approximately 175 acres this spring. Burn units may be ignited in blocks throughout the spring. The size of these blocks will vary based on environmental conditions and smoke production.
Type of Prescribed Burn	Underburn
Burn Project Objectives	The goal of this prescribed burn is to enhance public and firefighter safety by maintaining a fuelbreak and further reduce the threat of high-intensity wildfire to protect watershed values and wildlife habitat by creating a mosaic pattern of vegetation.
Public Benefits	Prescribed burning is an effective, cost efficient method of reducing flammable forest fuels, improving firefighting capabilities, and reducing the impacts of large uncontrolled damaging wildland fires.
Resource Benefits	Prescribed low-intensity fires enhance wildlife habitat, protect and maintain water quality and soil productivity, improve forest ecosystem health, and reduce the threat of uncontrolled conflagrations. The Sierra Nevada is a fire dependent ecosystem, where fire is a critical part of the natural forest process and helps to maintain resilient forests.
Public Advisory	Smoke may be visible from Hwy 108 and in the surrounding communities. Fire managers are working closely with local air districts and the California Air Resources Board to mitigate the effects of smoke on the public. Please do not report as a wildland fire. Thank you for your cooperation!