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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to Start Pile Burning on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

Las Vegas, Nov. 21, 2018 – As part of Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest’s hazardous fuels reduction efforts, the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area’s (SMNRA) fire crews will begin pile burning beginning in late-November 2018 through May 2019, weather and fuel conditions permitting.

Prescribed fire is a proactive tool used to achieve a number of purposes, including the reduction of hazardous fuels (overgrown vegetation). [Three general types of prescribed fire are pile burning, understory/underburning and broadcast burning.](#) They all help decrease the threat of high intensity, high-severity wildfires; reduce the risk of insect and disease outbreak; recycle nutrients that increase soil productivity; and improve wildlife habitat. Another benefit resulting from prescribed fire is a reduction in wildfire danger to local communities.

The actual days of ignition for pile burning will depend on several factors including appropriate humidity levels, wind speed and direction, temperature, and fuel moisture.

“Air quality considerations are an important part of prescribed fire, and each fire prescription is planned to disperse smoke rapidly and reduce lingering haze,” said Scott Kizziar, SMNRA Fuels Assistant Fire Management Officer. “Before each prescribed fire is ignited, fire managers will get approval from the local air quality district in which the burn is to take place.”

Fire managers create a burn plan, which includes smoke management details, fire control measures, acceptable weather parameters, and equipment and personnel needs. The burn plan also describes in detail how the ecosystem will benefit from fire.



Local law enforcement is aware of these burning activities. For information on pile burning activities on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, please call Scott Kizziar at (702) 467-3944.

Possible burn locations include:

The Kyle Canyon Old Helispot/Administrative Site

Roughly two acres of pile burning is planned near mile marker 5 off of Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road), across the road from the Forest Service Fire Station.

The Lee Canyon Borrow Pit

Roughly two acres of pile burning is planned along the north side of the road near mile marker 7 on Nevada State Route 156 (Lee Canyon Road).

Cathedral Rock Picnic Area

Roughly three acres of pile burning is planned on the upper area of the Cathedral Rock Picnic Area at the end of Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road).

Old Mill Picnic Area

Roughly two acres of pile burning is planned near mile marker 3 on Nevada State Route 156 (Lee Canyon Road), which is north of Lee Meadows.

Kyle Fire Station

Roughly ten acres of pile burning is planned near the Kyle Fire Station on Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road) directly across from the Kyle Canyon Old Helispot.

Kyle Canyon Picnic Area

Roughly three acres of pile burning is planned near mile marker 3, off of Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road), just west of the Nevada State Route 158 (Deer Creek Road) Highway intersection.

Lee Canyon Ski Resort

Roughly two acres of pile burning is planned near the lower (overflow) parking lot at the ski resort at the end of Nevada State Route 156 (Lee Canyon Road).

Fletcher Unit

Roughly 36 acres of pile burning is planned near mile marker 3, off of Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road), along the Eagle's Nest Loop Trail, above the Fletcher Canyon Trailhead.

For additional information on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, please visit www.fs.usda.gov/htnf or participate in the conversation at





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