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Grand Teton National Park Plans Fall Pile Burning

Teton Interagency Fire personnel will begin pile burning in Grand Teton National Park as soon as next week. If conditions allow, fire personnel will target 10 project areas. On the day of the burn, smoke will be visible from these piles.

The piles are mostly in developed areas where fire crews have completed fuels reduction projects, which include thinning and removing lower limbs from trees, and removing dead wood and brush from the forest floor. Pile burning is an effective way of eliminating woody debris, affording benefits to wildlife habitat, while lessening the risk of catastrophic wildfire and risk to firefighters in the event of a large scale fire. Firefighters place the slash in tepee-shaped piles and typically let them cure for a year before burning them.

Pile burning projects for this fall are located throughout the park including at Beaver Creek, the Whitegrass Ranch, Mailbox Corner area, Leeks Marina, various location in the Colter Bay area, and near Kelly and Moose.

On the Bridger-Teton National Forest, pile burning is expected to continue into the coming weeks. Piles will be ignited on the north-end of the Forest in the Ann Mountain and Willow Creek, Granite Creek Drainage, Fall Creek Road, the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort area, and around the Blackrock Ranger District compound in Moran. In the eastern portion of the Forest, pile burning can be expected along the Greys River Corridor, the East Table area of the Snake River Canyon, the Salt Pass area, as well as in the Hams Fork and LaBarge drainages. For the western area of the Forest, piles will be ignited at Middle Piney Lake, Sacajawea Campground, Snyder Basin, the Rim, South Cottonwood, Halverson timber sale, Bare Mountain, Kendall Guard Station, Willow Guard Station, Dutch Joe Guard Station, Fish Creek Guard Station, Battle Mountain, and at Red Cliff.

Air quality levels will comply with all State and Federal air quality regulations. Any burning activity will be accomplished during weather conditions that would minimize impacts of smoke to communities. All burning is done within parameters set forth in an approved burn plan.

Please visit www.tetonfires.com for a map of pile burning locations and updates on when pile burning is occurring.

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