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Bridger-Teton Plans Prescribed Burn

Afton, Wyo... The Bridger-Teton National Forest plans to conduct a prescribed burn within the Greys River drainage this fall. The 1800-acre Weiner Creek prescribed burn area is located off the Greys River Road, approximately 10 miles southeast of Alpine, and includes parts of Weiner Creek and the North Fork of Murphy Creek drainage.

“Prescribed fire is an efficient way of removing woody debris, providing ecosystem benefits, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and risk to firefighters in the event of a large fire,” said Dwayne Gibbons, Zone Fire Management Officer said. This burn will also improve forest health and wildlife habitat.

The Weiner Creek Basin portion of this project area was burned in September of 2007. The remaining 1,100 acres in the North Fork of Murphy Creek is expected to be carried out between early-September to mid- October.

Actual ignition will be dependent on meeting strict parameters for weather and fire behavior conditions. Forest users may experience temporary smoky conditions in the vicinity of the burn unit, along with the possibility of occasional, short-term trail or road closures. Interagency fire managers will attempt to minimize any adverse impacts as the burn proceeds.

This prescribed burn is a cooperative project supported by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. For further information please contact the Greys River Ranger District at (307) 886-5300.

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