



Forest Service News Release

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Jackson Ranger District to Burn Piles

Early Spring Conditions Offer Increased Opportunities

Jackson Wyo, March 03, 2022—The Jackson Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest will be moving forward with pile burning operations on Phillips Ridge, part of the Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction Project area. Beginning as early as mid-week local resources will begin igniting piles adjacent to Wyoming State Highway 22 (Teton Pass). Approximately 1000-piles over 25 acres will be targeted for treatment. Smoke and flames will be visible from the roadway but should not impact any travel.

Prescribed fires, including pile burns are managed under a precise set of parameters know as a “prescription” which include overall project objectives, temperature, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, current and expected forecast, and fuel conditions, as well as available firefighting resources, and time of season. Before burning, fire managers ensure that all the parameters are within their prescribed fire plan so the operations can be conducted safely, and objectives can be met.

The Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction Project is designed to decrease the risk from unwanted wildfires that could impact communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI), specifically, Phillips Ridge, Fish Creek, Teton Village, Wilson, and the Fall Creek Corridor communities. Local homeowners also have a responsibility to decrease their risk by creating and maintaining defensible space on private property. Treatments, such as these, done before a wildfire starts, can provide firefighters the opportunity to minimize or mitigate impacts to private lands.

Local notifications will take place as well as social media postings alerting the public when these burns will be implemented. For more information contact the Jackson Ranger District Fire Prevention Staff at 307-739-5424, visit Tetonfire.com or follow the Bridger-Teton National Forest Facebook page.

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