



Forest Service News Release

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Bridger-Teton National Forest Will Implement Prescribed Fire Near Hams Fork this Fall

Kemmerer Wyo., September 27, 2024—The Kemmerer Ranger District of the Bridger Teton National Forest is planning to conduct prescribed burns within the Hams Fork Vegetation Project consisting of Unit 6 and Unit 8. Smoke impacts should remain minimal due to the short duration of the burns and remote location.

The Forest plans to begin the prescribed burn near Green Knoll in early October until the end of November, 2024 in Hams Fork Unit 6 and Unit 8 total for a total of 200 acres

The Hams Fork Vegetation Project is a multi-unit area covering approximately 74,267-acres. The goal is to develop a diverse mix of vegetation, reduce fuel loading to help minimize the intensity of future wildland fires, and stimulate the regeneration of aspen stands by reducing conifer encroachment. This will be accomplished through a variety of methods to include, timber sales, prescribed fire, pile burning, and mechanical treatments.

Prescribed fires are managed under a precise set of parameters known 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.

Fire management personnel will utilize both ground and aviation resources to safely conduct these prescribed fire operations. Smoke impacts from these operations will be minimal due to the smaller size of the units, remote location, and short duration of each burn. Fire managers will be coordinating with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality and will monitor weather conditions closely in the days prior to, and during the prescribed fire ignitions. Firefighters will continue to work in the area several days after ignitions to patrol and manage for public safety. Local notifications will take place as well as social media postings alerting the public when these burns will be implemented.

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