

Trails End Road Prescribed Fire

Acres – Trails End unit is 371 acres

Fuels—Sage, Aspen and Mixed Conifer

Dates for Burning– Anytime after April 26th

Objectives—Neighborhood protection and public safety

Weather dependent, firing operations will take place near the Trails End Subdivision, west of the Fall Creek Road, on the Jackson Ranger District within the next week -4/29. The vicinity of the unit has been identified as one of the many recommended treatment areas within Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction Project (T2S). Teton to Snake Fuels Reduction efforts are designed to decrease the risk from unwanted wildfires that could impact the; Phillips Ridge, Fish Creek, Teton Village, Wilson and Fall Creek Corridor communities. Treatments before a wildfire starts provides firefighters with a safer opportunity to stop damage from the fire before it impacts private lands.

Prescribed fire treatments are designed to aid in reducing wildfire hazards and help promote the natural management of the ecosystem. Fire is a natural process necessary for the wilderness integrity for the Palisades Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and will create fragments within continuous vegetation, generating a fuel break for homes adjacent to hazardous areas. “ By conducting fuel treatments, including prescribed fire in these areas, along the Teton Front Range, we are protecting our neighboring communities while restoring and allowing for land managers to responded to a natural fire start, and also allowing for management tactic’s which have less impact on the land . This project is also allowing fire to naturally influence the biological ecosystem process within the Palisades Wilderness Study Area (WSA)” said Andy Hall, Fuels Specialist for the Jackson District. Fire staff anticipate treating up to 371 acres with contained fire, designed to complement and broaden fuels reduction tactics outside of the WSA boundary including mechanical treatments and timber removal adjacent to the Redtop Meadows area. All treatments have been identified and approved within the Teton To Snake project file.

Prescribed fires are managed under a set of pre-identified parameters know as “prescriptions” which include project objectives, air temperature range, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, current and expected forecast and vegetation conditions, as well as available resources to support the burn and time of the season. Before burning, fire managers ensure that all the parameters are within their prescribed fire strategy, ensuring the fire can be conducted safely and resource objectives will be met. Smoke from the Trails End prescribed fire may be visible for a few days after ignitions depending on the environmental conditions.

The Teton Interagency Fire Group coordinates closely with its partner’s and gives advance notice before implementing burns and other fuels treatments on the ground. Fire prevention/information staff will post information and road signs around areas affected by fuels treatments.

To receive fuels treatment notifications, send your request to lwilliams@fs.fed.us or call 307-739-5424

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