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Braderich Creek prescribed burn likely Tuesday

REDSTONE, Colo. – Recent dry and sunny weather has given Upper Colorado Interagency Fire Management crews and partners a window of opportunity to proceed with plans for a prescribed burn in Braderich Creek. If conditions remain favorable, crews will treat up to 1200 acres of Gambel oak, mountain shrub and aspen to reduce accumulated fuels and improve habitat for wildlife.

Prescribed burns encourage vigorous regrowth that improves forage. They also reduce surface fuels and minimize the potential for wildfire to spread to adjacent communities. Prescribed burns are only initiated when weather and fuel conditions conform to predetermined parameters that provide for safety and smoke dispersal.

Firefighters will use a helicopter for aerial ignition; they will then monitor fire activity to ensure adherence to the burn plan and accomplishment of project objectives.

“Using fire is a cost-effective way to stimulate growth of nutrient-rich vegetation for big game and to help regenerate aspen stands,” said Phil Nyland, Forest Service Wildlife Biologist. “Prescribed burns also reduce hazardous fuels adjacent to communities.”

Firefighters recently completed successful prescribed burns in the Avalanche, French and Grizzly Creek areas of the White River National Forest. A prescribed burn will be conducted in Cattle Creek in coming weeks if conditions become favorable.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please visit: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health> . Additional information regarding this project and the objectives of the work is available at the Forest Service office at 620 Main St., Carbondale.

