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## McRea Gravel Pit in Island Park Open for Tree and Brush Slash Disposal

**Island Park, Idaho:** In a joint effort to provide a place to dispose of tree and brush slash, Ashton/Island Park Ranger District and Fremont County are going to make the McRea Gravel Pit available for disposal of only tree and brush slash from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning June 21.

With the emphasis on creating defensible spaces around buildings and property, many people are clearing out trees and brush and need a place to dispose of it. “We will open the McRea Gravel Pit again and it will remain open as long as people dump only their tree and brush slash,” said Adrienne Keller, Ashton/Island Park District Ranger. “We had to close the site last year because people were dumping waste concrete, building construction waste, metal, tires and other items that were not authorized to be dumped there,” said Keller.

Closing the McRea site put a burden on the slash site off Meadow Creek Road interfering with Fremont County road maintenance operations at the Fremont County

gravel pit. The staff at Fremont County landfill have agreed to open and close the McRea site and use their equipment to push the slash into a pile once a week.

Fremont County Road and Bridge Supervisor, Weldon Reynolds coordinated the effort. “We were running out of room to put the slash at the Meadow Creek site and needed the McRea site open,” said Reynolds. “We have offered to keep an eye on the McRea site to make sure people are not abusing the privilege of using the location to get rid of their slash.” The site will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. McRea Gravel Pit is located one eighth of a mile south of the Yale-Kilegore Road on the Buttermilk Loop road on the east side of the road.

For more information or questions regarding the McRea Gravel Pit, please call the Island Park Ranger District office at 208-558-7301.

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