



NEWS RELEASE

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
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PRESCRIBED BURN BEGINNING TODAY NEAR MARKLEEVILLE

Alpine County, California...Carson District Ranger Gary Schiff announced that prescribed fire activities are planned starting October 21, 2004 and will continue for the next month, depending on weather conditions. The Hot Springs Project Area, south of Grovers Hot Springs State Campground near Markleeville, California, is where controlled prescribed burning will occur.

Fire crews will burn piles of cut vegetation over an 80-acre area that was generated during implementation of a fuels reduction project. The project was developed to reduce the area's fire hazard by removing dead logs, brush, and ladder fuels in wildland-fire-prone landscapes. Ladder fuels are vegetation that can potentially carry fire from the ground through the trees by adjacent brush and low-hanging tree limbs.

US Forest Service fire suppression crews will burn the piles in accordance with California air quality regulations and an approved burn plan.

Contact Markleeville Guard Station Assistant: Forest Management Officer Mike Wilde for further information on this release at (530) 694-2142.

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