

The American River District of the Tahoe National Forest plans to ignite up to ten whole-tree yarding piles near the China Wall Off-Highway Vehicle staging area today. These piles composed of logging slash from the 2014 Little Secret Timber sale.

Smoke from pile burning operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the pile size. All prescribed fires are monitored closely for burning and smoke dispersal conditions and, if necessary, action is taken to mitigate concerns as they arise.

Fire managers are aware of and sensitive to the potential impact smoke has on people and communities. Every effort is made to conduct prescribed fire operations during weather patterns that carry smoke away from populated areas. This summer's wildfires are a reminder of the importance of fuels reduction and that smoke produced during a prescribed fire is less intense and of shorter duration than that of a large wildfire.

For more information call Larry Peabody at (530) 367-2224. For more information on prescribed fire on the Tahoe National Forest visit www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe.



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