



Public Notice

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Slash Pile Burning Planned for Bergen Peak State Wildlife Area

February 2, 2016 – The Colorado Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control and with the support of the Colorado State Forest Service, will be burning slash piles at the Bergen Peak State Wildlife Area near Evergreen, Colorado this week. Burning operations will begin this week and will continue through the spring as weather and snow conditions permit.

Burning will only be conducted under specific guidelines established by the Division of Fire Prevention and Control, including having adequate snow cover on the ground and acceptable weather forecasts that meet guidelines for safe and effective burning and adequate smoke dispersal.

The main objective of burning the slash piles is to reduce remaining woody fuels for the purpose of public safety. The existing piles are the result of forest management projects to reduce hazardous fuels and reduce wildland fire risk within the wildland-urban interface.

The Department of Natural Resources works closely with other agencies, such as the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, and local authorities in developing and implementing any pile burning project.

Pile burning may continue periodically through the fall and winter, as weather and snow conditions permit.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. Please go to <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health> for additional information.