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BLM PLANS TO BURN THREE AREAS NEAR DILLON

DILLON - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Dillon Field Office is planning to complete three controlled burns in different areas over the next several weeks, weather permitting. Two of these burn units are located in the East and West Forks of the Dyce Creek drainage about 20 miles northwest of Dillon.

According to officials, the unit in the East Fork of Dyce Creek is designed to reduce or eliminate Douglas-fir encroachment into a grass/sage area covering about 110 acres. The 120 acre unit in the West Fork of Dyce Creek will reduce slash in a timber harvest area.

The third burn unit is in Upper Horse Prairie approximately four miles south of the Lemhi Pass Road. The objective of this treatment is to reduce or eliminate Douglas-fir encroachment into grass/sagebrush areas on nearly 550 acres.

The public can expect to see smoke and fire activity in these areas whenever weather and burning conditions permit.

If you have any questions concerning these burns, or if you would like legal descriptions of the burn areas, please contact John Hawkins of the Dillon Field Office at 683-2337.

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