

Good Evening Deer Lake Members,

We recently received an update from the U.S. Forest Service - Cuba Ranger District Office regarding the fuel reduction/pile burning around Deer Lake. See the email and information below.

If a member is able to attend the February 9th meeting, advertised below, and is willing to provide a brief written statement of what is discussed I'd be happy to send it out to the association members for everyone's knowledge. If you are willing to sign-up for this please let me know by emailing krys.rodriguez13@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Krystal Rodriguez
Secretary/Treasurer

Good Afternoon Glen,

Happy 2023...hope it is treating you well so far.

As discussed last year with you and the homeowner's group, we have been hopeful for an opportunity to burn the piles around Deer Lake this winter. More than sufficient snow has accumulated in the area and we are planning to burn the week of February 13th, target date is Wednesday, February 15th if weather conditions are favorable.

As a side note, you met our Cuba Fire Management Officer at your meeting, Randy Prewitt. Since that time, Randy has retired and we have brought James Casaus on board the District as our FMO. James is a life-long resident of Cuba and has over 25 years of experience. Our Fire program is in excellent hands.

In the next few days, you may see a public press release regarding the burning operation. I wanted to be sure you received this first notification directly from me and you can notify your owners. The Deer Lake project will mark the first return of prescribed burning to the Santa Fe National Forest since the pause last year.

We are planning a public meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 pm at the Cuba Ranger Station to talk about our plan and answer questions regarding prescribed burning. We encourage all Deer Lake residents to attend and have their concerns discussed.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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