

DLA -Prescribed Burn and Spring Mailing

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Hello Deer Lake Association Members,

Due to the storms last week, the U.S. Forest Service delayed the prescribed burn in and around Deer Lake. The U.S. Forest Service has sent out an update to their plan and they have informed the community that they plan to start the prescribed burn on Monday, February 27, 2023. Further, they plan to have daily briefings which will start on Tuesday, February 28th at 2:00 pm each day to provide updates on progress/success and answer questions.

Additionally, for your awareness, the spring mailing (inclusive of the Member's Dues Notice and Spring Meeting Notice) was sent out this past Wednesday, February 22, 2023 to all lot owners. If you have not received your mailing yet, please keep an eye out for this important information. The Spring Association Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2023, starting promptly at 10:00am until 12:00pm at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, located at 7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113. This center is located two blocks north of the Paseo Del Norte Blvd and Wyoming Blvd intersection. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor in room #5.

Thank You,
Krystal Rodriguez
Secretary/Treasurer



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Prescribed Fire Planned on Santa Fe National Forest

Pile burning to occur on Cuba Ranger District

SANTA FE, NM – February 24, 2023: After two weeks of snow and wind delays, the Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) plans to implement the previously announced prescribed burning of debris piles in the Deer Lake area on the Cuba Ranger District beginning Monday, February 27.

Burning will be spaced out during the first two weeks of March while snow conditions are still favorable. Upon completion of burning operations, the burned piles will be monitored closely. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the burned piles are out before the arrival of traditional spring wind and warming trends.

The Deer Lake project is approximately 110 acres and is adjacent to NM Highway-126 east of Cuba between mile-markers 7 and 9.5.

Burning these piles is one step in a series of actions to reduce the risks of wildfires from threatening our communities. The trees in these areas were thinned to remove ladder fuels and help prevent crown fires. The resulting piles are being burned to remove the fuel from the ground, further reducing the risk of wildfires from spreading as well as making it easier for suppression crews to work should a wildfire occur in the area.

Smoke from burning the piles may be visible from US-550, NM-96, NM-126, NM-197, and from the communities of Cuba, La Jara and Torreon. Minimal smoke is expected to impact NM-126 and FSR-70. Appropriate signage will be used to alert motorists in areas impacted by smoke.

The SFNF manages all prescribed fires in compliance with New Mexico state regulations on air quality and smoke management. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems or heart disease are encouraged to take precautionary measures. Information on air quality and protecting your health by using the 5-3-1 visibility method can be found online at the [New Mexico Department of Health \(NMDOH\) Environmental Public Health Tracking \(EPHT\)](#) website. People with health concerns can also call NMDOH at 505-827-0006 for additional information. Visit [Fire Adapted NM](#) for information on the HEPA filter loan program.

Stay up to date on burning activities via the [SFNF website](#) and following the forest on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).