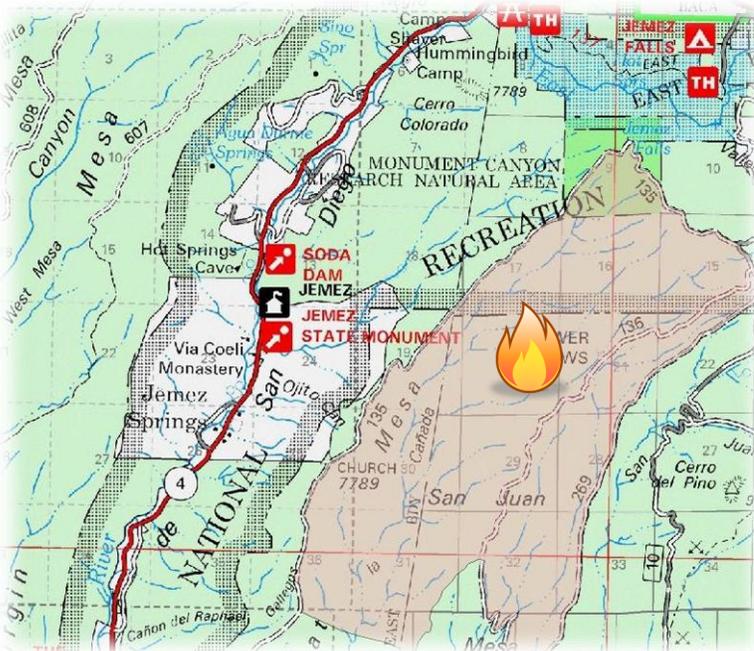




# Jemez Ranger District Santa Fe National Forest

## PUBLIC NOTICE PRESCRIBED BURN

### San Juan Prescribed Burn



Beginning Wednesday, October 17, fire managers on the Jemez Ranger District will be taking advantage of the season's weather to treat hazardous fuels within the Jemez Mountains with prescribed fire.

Prescribed burning is the managed application of fire to wildland fuels (woody material) under specified conditions, within predetermined boundaries in an effort to reduce hazardous fuels, provide community protection, and restore forest health.

Prior to the burn, fire managers consider many factors including: fuel moisture levels, wind conditions, temperatures, relative humidity levels, resources availability, and air quality conditions in determining whether to ignite or not.

The Santa Fe National Forest is committed to reducing smoke impacts while taking steps to prevent destructive fires like the Las Conchas fire by treating hazardous fuels with prescribed fire.

<b>Burn Name:</b>	San Juan Prescribed Burn
<b>Planned For:</b>	Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Ignitions will not exceed more than five days. After ignitions are complete residual smoke will be visible for a few days.
<b>Acres to be Treated/Method:</b>	During the three to five day burning period, 7,300 acres of hazardous fuels will be treated with hand and aerial ignitions. Approximately 2,500 acres are expected to be treated each day.
<b>Location:</b>	3-5 miles northeast of Jemez Springs and 4-8 miles northwest of the community of Ponderosa.
<b>Benefits of Prescribed Fire:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces fuels &amp; prevents large wildfires</li> <li>Breaks up continuous fuels</li> <li>Prepares the land for new growth</li> <li>Helps plants/trees grow</li> <li>Creates diversity needed by wildlife</li> <li>More efficient than mechanical treatments</li> </ul>
<b>Closures:</b>	Forest Roads 10, 135, 136, and 269 will be impacted during the prescribed burn. Please drive carefully through these areas and expect delays.
<b>Smoke &amp; Other Info:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger blocks will be treated over a five day period which will increase daily smoke volume, but will decrease the number of days smoke is in the air.</li> <li>Smoke from the burn will be visible from La Cueva, Jemez Springs, Canon, Ponderosa, Jemez Pueblo, San Ysidro, Zia Pueblo, Bernalillo, Rio Rancho and areas off of I-25 and NM 550. Smoke is expected to settle into lower elevations and in drainage areas during the evenings, but should lift by mid-morning.</li> <li>Smoke will be monitored and the Forest Service will comply with NM air quality regulations.</li> <li>Smoke from prescribed fires is considerably less and of a shorter duration than smoke from wildfires, which can burn for weeks and even months at a time.</li> <li>Smoke sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems are urged to stay indoors with windows and doors closed. When possible, avoid using wood or gas stoves and candles.</li> <li>More information on air quality and protecting your health can be found online at the NM Department of Health website: <a href="http://nmhealth.org/eheb/airQ.shtml">http://nmhealth.org/eheb/airQ.shtml</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Information</b>	The majority of the area has been treated with prescribed fire before, expect for one small block. This type of burn is known as a maintenance burn with an initial entry treatment. The initial entry treatment area is located in Canon de La Canada. In the evenings, flames/fire will be visible from Cat and San Juan Mesas. Residents will see a "glowing mountain". This is expected, don't be alarmed.

For more information, please call the Jemez Ranger District at (575) 829-3535 or visit us on-line at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/santafe>, [www.nmfireinfo.com](http://www.nmfireinfo.com) or follow us on Twitter @SantafeNF.