

Smoke expected from large prescribed fire project

The Eldorado National Forest will begin implementing the Power Fire Fuels Maintenance project today.

Approximately 1,350 acres will be burned this week. These units are south of Highway 88 between Bear River Reservoir and the Mokelumne River in the 2004 Power Fire burn scar.

Each prescribed fire operation follows a prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. This information is used to decide when and where to burn. This project is targeting primarily the bear clover in the burn scar which is a light fuel that dries out sooner and burns quickly.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions. S