

# Forest Service burn piles

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Mr. Bailey,

I wanted to follow up with you about the hand piles located on National Forest System lands adjacent to Spruce Valley Ranch. The plan is to burn these piles next fall/winter 2015-16 once there is snow on the ground. The decision was made not to burn them this winter because of the amount of green/wet wood in the piles. Piles that are too green/wet will only partially consume thus leaving a slightly smaller pile of half burnt logs. We tried burning a few green piles this past winter but didn't have much luck. By waiting until next fall/winter to burn them this will make the pile burning more effective at consuming the woody material. Similar piles burned in Summit County that had been allowed to cure properly consumed 90-98% of the material with very little material left on site. This meets the project objective of reducing potential of future wildfires and restoring forest health. We recognize the delay is an inconvenience for the Spruce Valley Ranch homeowners but the long term results of the project will be better for the forest and the adjacent landowners .

All the burning will be implemented with experienced firefighters under the direction of a qualified Burn Boss. The Burn Boss works with the National Weather Service to burn only on days when the smoke gets up and out of the area as much as possible to minimize negative impacts. We will get the word out to the HOA before pile burning operations start next winter. Thanks for your understanding. Feel free to contact me at my number below or Ross Wilmore, Fire Management Officer, at 970-328-5867 if you have any questions or concerns. Bill



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