

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FUELS REDUCTION PROJECTS – DENNY HILL/FUEL BREAK**

Alamogordo, NM (May 3, 2004) – Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District Fire Management officials are planning to conduct two prescribed burns during the month of May, weather and environmental conditions permitting. The first burn is the Denny Hill project of approximately 170 acres on the east side of Highway 24 at the top of Denny Hill. The second burn is the Fuel Break project which involves 90 acres west of James Ridge Lookout, off of 16 Springs Canyon Road.

Both of these maintenance burns are fuels reduction projects designed to remove excess ladder fuels and grass, thus improving firefighting capabilities. As always, the safety of firefighters and the public are the top priority.

Residents in these areas should expect to see and smell smoke during the course of these burns. When the projects begin, signs will be posted along highways affected by the smoke urging motorists to use caution in the area. Forest information staff will be posting current information in the vicinity of the burn to keep residents informed of its progress.

For additional information, please contact the Sacramento Ranger District Office, (505) 682-2551 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The address is P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88310.

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