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Park Announces Slash Pile Burns

Great Basin National Park plans to conduct two slash pile burns between April and June. The burns will be conducted in the Park Residential Area, between Baker Creek Road, Highway 488 and behind the Park Residential Area, and the Borrow Pit in the Baker Ridge area. The burns will take place only if specific weather and moisture conditions are met.

The accumulation of slash piles is the result of on-going mechanical fuel thinning operations in the park over the last few years. The slash will be burned to reduce the fuel load in the areas that have been thinned and to create defensible space around the Park Residential Area and Park Administrative Offices. Only slash will be burned. Useable fuel wood has been removed via public fuel wood sales. Once these operations are complete, the results should decrease the risk of a large wildfire in those areas and return these areas to a natural habitat condition.

To ensure the safety of park visitors during the burns, Baker Creek Road may be temporarily closed while burns are in progress.

Visibility in and around the park may be temporarily hampered, especially in the evenings. Please drive with your headlights on in the daytime during times of heavy smoke accumulation.

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