

Media Release

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Incident Type: Information

Date and Time of Incident: March 4, 2020

Narrative:

Prescribed Burning planned on Tubbs Hill Early April 2020

Your CDA Fire Department along with the Idaho Department of Lands will be conducting a prescribed burn in early April, when the right conditions are met and it's safe to burn

We will be evaluating the fuels moisture and temperatures to choose exactly the best and safest Time to conduct these burns.

If you are familiar with Tubbs hill you may have noticed some of the issues regarding forest and tree health currently affecting Tubbs hill.

Prior to any burning crews will be performing "prep work" including felling and removing of hazardous trees and pruning to raise tree canopies.

Please know that the Nick Goodwin will be coordinating all felling, removals, and pruning. Trees will be removed in compliance with the city's natural open space management plan.

Burning helps to clear the forest floor which helps to make planting space for seedlings as well as increasing the ability of ponderosa pine to successfully reproduce.

Along with enhancing the Aesthetic appearance of the hill this prescribed burn will help to grow the population of trees more resilient to pests and diseases that are currently affecting many trees on Tubbs hill.

With seedling planting programs planned for after the prescribed burn the goal is to create a healthier native and diverse forest on Tubbs hill.

The last 2 weeks of march people will see crews completing the prep work. Areas of the hill may be closed to the public temporarily while the work is performed.

Citizens of CDA can expect to see fire crews and smoke on and around Tubbs hill for several days The safety of our Citizens our crews and the residents who live on and around the hill are our greatest concern Conditions can change very quickly and these burns may happen with little warning

So please check the City of CDA, and the CDA Fire Departments Facebook pages for up to the date details

A prescribed burn can greatly improve the overall health of Tubb hill with benefits including: Hazardous Fuel reduction wildlife habitat improvement native vegetation improvement And grazing improvement

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience this will cause as Tubbs Hill will be closed to the public during the burning. We will be sure to announce when the hill is reopened to the public

Thank you all for your support and understanding as we protect the health and safety of our crown jewel

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