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**News Release**

## **Hyde Memorial State Park Plans Burn to Reduce Wildfire Risk**

*A pile burn is anticipated within two weeks*

**Santa Fe, NM** – An anticipated pile burn will occur at Hyde Memorial State Park within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The active dates will be determined when environmental conditions are assessed following this weekend's anticipated rainfall. The mitigation effort is a collaboration between the New Mexico State Forestry Division, the New Mexico State Parks Division, and the U.S. Forest Service's Santa Fe National Forest Española Ranger District. Crews from the New Mexico State Forestry Division's Returning Heroes Wildland Firefighter Program will conduct the treatment.

The burn will eliminate downed slash piles in areas that are difficult for large equipment to access. The endeavor will ultimately treat about 80 acres and is part of an ongoing wildfire mitigation project that began last year.

Individuals in the surrounding area who have smoke sensitivities are advised to limit their outdoor exposure during the burn. Windows should remain closed and air should be circulated from within one's living space. Smoke may travel offsite and surrounding roads, including Highway 475/Hyde Park Road, could be temporarily closed if visibility is compromised. Hyde Memorial State Park will remain open to the public.

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