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La Cueva Prescribed Pile Burn Scheduled for March 8 - 9

Glorieta, NM – With the return of winter conditions forecasted, the Forest Stewards Guild will be convening a prescribed pile burn on private lands north of Glorieta New Mexico in March. Currently, March 8 and 9 are potential burn dates. Burn implementation is dependent on weather conditions to ensure firefighter and community safety and to limit smoke impacts. Prior to the start of the burn, additional information and notification will be given to landowners and the public. Pile burning is often part of reducing hazardous fuels and is needed to reduce the heat, intensity, and spread of a future potential wildfire.

Firefighter and community safety is the top priority for the pile burn. The Forest Stewards Guild is bringing together trained and experienced wildland firefighters. The team will operate under a reviewed and approved burn plan, comply with New Mexico Air Quality Bureau smoke management guidelines, and have wildland firefighting equipment on-site. Smoke may settle into surrounding areas at night but should disperse the following day. Santa Fe County Fire Department has been involved in the burn plan review and permitting. New Mexico State Forestry Bernalillo District and the Pecos-Las Vegas Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest are monitoring this activity as well.

“These landowners have a beautiful forest on their land and I want to help it be healthy and resistant to wildfire.” noted Forest Stewards Guild Southwest Region Director Eytan Krasilovsky. “We are working here because it is strategically important for the landowners, the community, and the adjacent Santa Fe National Forest to safely and effectively reduce these hazardous fuels.”

Landowners interested in learning more about Fire Adapted Communities can visit www.fireadaptednm.org, a website designed by the Forest Stewards Guild and Fire Service Support LLC for the New Mexico Hub of the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network.

Stay up-to-date on this effort by visiting www.forestguild.org/ControlledBurning or by calling 505-470-0185.

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