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Controlled Burning Continues on State Trust Lands near Black Lake NM, Smoke Expected to Settle in Evening and Nighttime

Angel Fire, NM – [Moreno Valley Fire Department](#), [Angel Fire Fire Department](#), [Terra Fuego Resource Foundation](#), the [Taos BLM](#), [NM State Forestry Returning Heroes Program](#), [Santa Fe Youth Works](#), the [Santa Fe National Forest](#), the [Forest Stewards Guild](#), and [The Nature Conservancy's Fire Learning Network](#) have safely returned fire to approximately 260 acres of ponderosa pine forest and meadow on state trust lands managed by the [New Mexico State Land Office](#) near Black Lake New Mexico. This burn is training new firefighters who are working alongside highly qualified and experienced firefighters. Broadcast burning promotes ecological health, reduces hazardous fuels thereby protecting nearby communities, and reduces the intensity and size of future wildfires.

Ignitions are planned for Monday, weather permitting. Ignitions will continue throughout the week to reduce hazardous fuels, protect homes in the area, and restore forest health to accomplish an additional 270 acres. Good ventilation is expected this week, but smoke will settle in low lying areas in the evenings and at night. Caution is advised near the junction of highways 120 and 434 in the evenings. More information on smoke and human health can be accessed here, https://nmtracking.org/enviro_n exposure/fire-and-smoke/.

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 these efforts by visiting www.forestguild.org/ControlledBurning. For more information call/text 505-470-0185.

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