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### **Controlled Burning Planned in October on State Trust Lands near Black Lake NM, Weather Permitting**

Angel Fire, NM – [Moreno Valley Fire Department](#), [Angel Fire Fire Department](#), [Terra Fuego Resource Foundation](#), the [Taos BLM](#), [NM State Forestry](#), [Santa Fe Youth Works](#), the [Santa Fe National Forest](#), the [Wildfire Network](#), the [Forest Stewards Guild](#), and [The Nature Conservancy's Fire Learning Network](#) plan to safely return fire to approximately 500 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 will be working alongside highly qualified and experienced firefighters. Broadcast burning promotes ecological health in frequent fire forests, reduces hazardous fuels thereby protecting nearby communities, and reduces the intensity and size of future wildfires.

Ignitions are planned for tomorrow. Weather permitting, ignitions will continue through next week as needed. Today the team is completing training and is scouting and preparing the burn units. Smoke may settle in the evenings but will disperse the following day. More information on smoke and human health can be accessed here, [https://nmtracking.org/enviro\\_n/exposure/fire-and-smoke/](https://nmtracking.org/enviro_n/exposure/fire-and-smoke/).

“This burn is a continuation of work that began in 2008 in collaboration with the State Land Office and others to improve forest health, protect nearby communities from wildfire, and to protect the upper Little Coyote Creek watershed.” notes Forest Stewards Guild Southwest Director Eytan Krasilovsky. “We have excellent collaborative restoration partners that are once again coming together to learn and burn together.”

Landowners interested in learning more about Fire Adapted Communities can visit [www.fireadaptednm.org](http://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](http://www.forestguild.org/ControlledBurning). For more information call/text 505-470-0185.**

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