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BLM Plans to Ignite Slash Piles South of Cedar City for Recreation Benefits

Cedar City, Utah—In keeping with the Administration’s priority of serving the American family, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will burn slash piles south of Cedar City, in the Shurtz Canyon area during the week of Feb. 12, 2018. The burn is necessary to reduce debris (brush and trees) that resulted from construction of the Shurtz Canyon Trailhead.

“During the construction of the newly developed Shurtz Canyon Mountain Bike Trailhead, a large slash pile was created when opening up a parking area for public land users,” said Paul Briggs, Cedar City Field Manager. “Agency fire personnel plan to conduct the burn during forecasted snowfall conditions which will clean up the area while mitigating smoke impacts to local residents.”

Smoke and flame may be visible from Interstate 15 and southern portions of the Cedar City area. Light smoke may remain visible from the surrounding area for several days after the burn occurs. No road closures are in affect for this short duration ignition event.

For more information, contact Nick Howell at 435-590-4821. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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