



Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network

Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network Prescribed Fire Project Announcement

The Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network is planning on conducting a prescribed fire project this fall. The **North Catamount** project is scheduled to be carried out in mid October to early November, depending on weather conditions (see reverse side for project map and details).

The Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network is a group of local stakeholders working together to foster the safe and appropriate use of fire as a management tool for reducing wildfire risks to communities, restoring forest resilience and enabling both people and nature to better adapt to and co-exist with fire.

Prescribed fire and pile burning, combined with mechanical and/or hand thinning treatments, are effective land management tools used to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels including old and dense vegetation. Minimizing hazardous fuels reduces fire intensity and the risk of catastrophic wildland fires. In turn, this action minimizes the risk to firefighter and public safety. Additional benefits include improved wildlife habitat, healthy and resilient landscapes and watersheds, and a step towards the long-term maintenance of ecosystems.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information see:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>

Pikes Peak Fire Learning Network actively works with Colorado Air Pollution and Control Division managing potential smoke impacts. When a prescribed burn is implemented, it is conducted under very specific parameters, which are identified in a detailed prescribed fire plan that was developed as a result of years of planning. Daily weather conditions play a key role in whether a prescribed fire project can be accomplished or not. This is one reason why prescribed fires get cancelled and why it is commonly difficult to predict the exact day a burn will be implemented. Fire managers evaluate conditions and forecasted weather to make the best decision as to when to burn.

The Pike's Peak Fire Learning Network

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NORTH CATAMOUNT PROJECT

WHO: Colorado Springs Utilities is the project lead

WHAT: 105 acre project

WHEN: Mid-October to early November 2016 (depending on conditions)

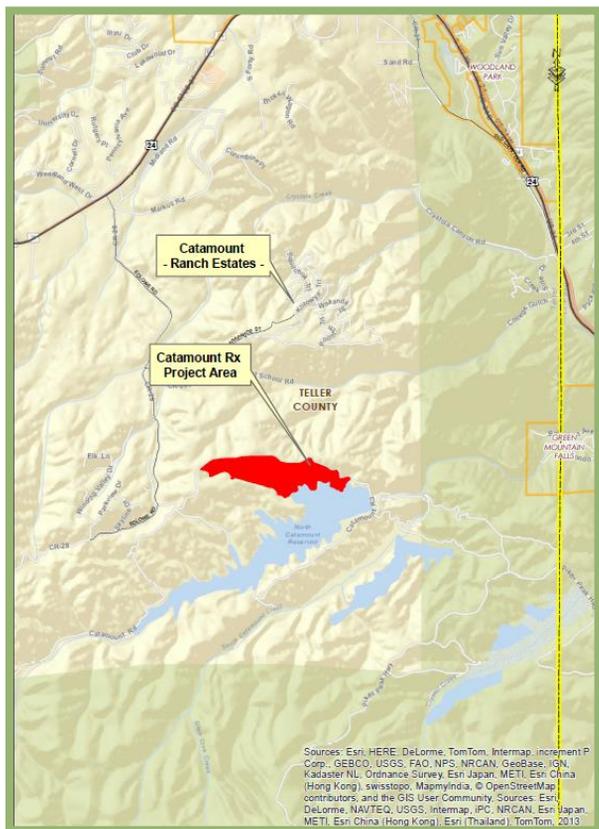
WHERE: Project is located on the Colorado Springs Utilities, North Slope Watershed near the North Catamount Reservoir

WHY: Protect water quality and collection system infrastructure, reduce hazardous fuels, ecological benefits

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Follow our project on Twitter @pikespeak_fln or @CSUtilities and use #CatamountRX for prescribed fire updates; You can also check out Colorado Springs Utilities Facebook page for updates www.facebook.com/coloradospringsutilities?fref=ts

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