

Prescribed burning resumes near Copper Haul Road

September 12, 2022

Wildland Fire crews are again using prescribed fire to remove slash left over from last year's fuel reduction work this week. Work will pick up from last week's plans to remove fuel in an area south of the Copper Haul Road between Mount Sima and Mary Lake.

Prescribed fire takes place under strict weather and safety conditions to minimize risk to the public. This treatment area is part of the Whitehorse South Fuel Break, which is a strategic fire guard that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the city and surrounding subdivisions.

Burning is set to begin on Sept. 12 and will continue, weather dependent, until the block is cleared.

Wildland Fire Management vehicles and staff will be at work near the Copper Haul Road, but the road will stay open during the operation.

While burning takes place, smoke will be visible from many areas including the Alaska Highway, the Copper Haul Road and country-residential subdivisions south of Whitehorse. It isn't enough smoke to cause air-quality problems, but people with respiratory conditions should be prepared with normal medical precautions for slightly hazy conditions.

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