

# Prescribed burning operation on the Mary Lake Fuel Break

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Prescribed burning operation on the Mary Lake Fuel Break Wildland Fire Management staff are planning a prescribed fire operation in the Mary Lake area. A test burn will take place on Wednesday. If conditions are good, burning will take place Thursday followed by monitoring and mop-up over the weekend.

Like all prescribed fires, this work takes place under strict weather and safety conditions to minimize risk to the public.

Smoke may be visible around the Mary Lake subdivision while burning takes place. Depending on winds, there is potential for smoke to be more widespread. While this is inconvenient, it will help reduce fire risk (and more severe smoke) in the future.

Public access will be limited to the area while Wildland Fire Management vehicles and staff are at work.

Crews will use prescribed fire to remove slash from fuel reduction work on the Whitehorse South Fuel Break. This will make the fuel break more effective and create good growing conditions for the aspen trees.

The Whitehorse South Fuel Break is a strategic fire guard that reduces the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the city and surrounding subdivisions. This video from last year explains more about why we conduct controlled burns.

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