



CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Slash Pile Burning

1. Notify Gunnison County Communications at 641-8200 before igniting the slash pile(s). Notify them again upon completion of burn.
2. Consider options to burning piles. Chipping piles may provide similar results without the risk of an escaped fire.
3. Don't pile slash within 15 feet of trees.
4. Burn only in late November through February with a minimum of six inches snow cover.
5. Piles should be built tightly to keep snow from penetrating into the pile. Snow in the pile will slow combustion or extinguish the pile.
6. Piles should be constructed twice as high as they are wide to facilitate burning.
7. There should be no soil in the piles. Soil will cause piles to smolder up to several months and may cause fire to escape during warm weather.
8. If soil in the pile cannot be avoided, monitor the pile until it cools. Then use equipment to spread soil and remaining material out on snow. This should be done within a few days of ignition. This will expose burning wood buried in the soil and allow it to burn or go out.
9. Stop lighting before 2:00 pm to avoid nighttime smoke impacts. At night smoke can settle into valleys, causing poor air quality and visibility problems.
10. Stop lighting if wind blows smoke towards a community, road or home site.
11. Check the burn after the spring snowmelt to make sure the fire is out.