

Coeur d'Alene Regional Office

Air Quality Awareness Week

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In the Coeur d'Alene region, slash burning is a concern. Slash is the woody debris generated during logging operations or from wind, snow, or other natural forest disturbances. Slash generated from logging activities may increase fire hazards. The Idaho Forestry Act, enforced by the Idaho Department of Lands, requires slash created by forest harvesting practices on state and private lands to be treated. The most common treatment technique involves burning the slash during periods of low fire danger. Check with IDL for further information about fire management activities.



In Idaho, land managers who conduct a major amount of prescribed burning participate in a bistate smoke management program with Montana. The program is managed by the Montana/Idaho State Airshed Group, which was formed to limit the impacts of smoke generated from necessary forest and rangeland burning. However, fire produces smoke that contains particulate matter, ozone precursors, greenhouse gases, and other trace gases. Basic smoke management practices applied on prescribed burns can mitigate the impacts

of smoke to public health, public safety and nuisance, and visibility. We encourage all burners to enforce these management practices at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1046311.pdf.

For more information, visit

deq.idaho.gov/air-quality/burning/wildland-fires/

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/forester-forums/fire2.pdf>

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