



## Durango Fire Protection District

### Wildfire Division

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Durango Fire & Rescue plans to burn slash piles adjacent to the west side of Durango West 1 (DW1). This planned burn is on private property not owned by DW1. Slash piles have been created as part of a wildfire reduction effort intended to remove ladder fuels, hazardous fuel accumulations, and select trees on the property west of DW1. This wildfire mitigation project has been accomplished by members of Durango Fire & Rescue's Wildfire Division with grant funding provided by the US Environmental Protection Agency. Logistical and planning assistance has been provided by the Wildfire Watershed Protection Fund (WWPF) which is an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Durango, La Plata County, and DFPD. The intent of the WWPF is to accomplish wildfire mitigation projects on private, city, and county lands within the Durango Fire Protection District. This project is part of a larger to implement wildfire mitigation on several private parcels adjacent to Durango West 1 and Durango West 2.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please go to: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/indoor-air-quality/wood-smoke-and-health>

Pile burning will only be conducted with snow on the ground and under certain environmental conditions that minimize potential fire spread and smoke impacts to community members. Once pile burning begins, DFPD personnel will monitor the burn area until no smoke or heat remains. Smoldering piles and small amounts of smoke are expected to linger for several days after ignition. If conditions allow, slash pile burning will start as early as November 29<sup>th</sup> and continue through January 2026.

For more information, please contact Durango Fire & Rescue Wildfire Battalion Chief Scott Nielsen at 970-385-3264 or [scott.nielsen@durangofire.org](mailto:scott.nielsen@durangofire.org)