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Good morning:

Weather and air quality conditions permitting, fire crews will continue pile burning at several locations throughout the forest this week. This includes Bishop Creek drainage and along the June Lake Loop as well as other locations. Smoke may be visible throughout numerous locations.

Natural fires are a frequent occurrence in the mid elevation mixed conifer forest, with a fire regime of every 10-15 years. Forests of the Sierra Nevada prior to fire exclusion were more open with fewer trees per acre than is seen now. Additionally, natural fires thinned the forest of some younger trees. This helped keep the forest open and more importantly helped the remaining trees thrive by reducing the amount of competition for water, nutrition, and sunlight. This also led to lower intensity fires.

Any fire that threatens life and property is suppressed, so thinning and pile burning helps reduce fire hazard and is the first step in restoring the forest structure to a more natural state in these areas.



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