

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION –BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ZUNI AGENCY

Blackrock Airstrip Prescribed Pile Burn

To: All Blackrock and Zuni Community Members

From: BIA Zuni Agency, Branch of Forestry-Fuels Management Program



Blackrock DY Bluff Subdivision (Courtesy Photo: Zuni Tribal Crew, 2016)

Scheduled: August – October 2017

General Location: The proposed prescribed burn areas are located south of the Black Rock Airstrip and around the Blackrock DY Bluff Subdivision on the Zuni Indian Reservation. These wildland urban interface areas are located alongside New Mexico State Highway 53.

Objective: To reintroduce fire back into the ecosystem; burning is an effective land management tool used to reduce the amount of excessive fuel loading. Controlled burning reduces the threat of catastrophic wildfires, improves vegetation stand growth and provides defensible space.

Mitigations: Due to possible smoke impact to the surrounding residences and roadways; the agency will conduct burn operations when conditions are conducive e.g., when smoke lift and wind direction will have the least impact to the area. Due to safety reasons there will be temporary restrictions in the treatment unit during burning operations. There will be no restrictions along State Highway 53 and residential roads. Caution signs will be posted.

For questions and/or concerns, call the BIA Zuni Agency Fire Management Dispatch office at: 505-782-3375.