

*The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest will host a public field tour of the Turkey Springs Biofuels Demonstration Project from 1 - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 4, 2010.*

*The project was developed by the Forest Service to test a means for removal of whole trees; including stems, branches, and tops. The results will be evaluated in terms of forest restoration, fuels reduction and forest health. Forest Service staff will explain the objectives of the project, and contractor JR Ford, of Renewable Forest Energy, LLC, will be on hand to explain the special ground-harvesting equipment being used.*

*Participants should meet in the newly enlarged parking lot at the San Juan NF entrance on the Piedra Road (County Road 600), located on the right-hand side of the road immediately beyond the end of the pavement. Those attending must be prepared for seasonal weather conditions, and be able to hike over uneven terrain.*

*Four-wheel-drive vehicles are highly recommended for the drive from the meeting point to the project area. Carpooling in government vehicles will be available for those needing transportation. Please contact the Forest Service in advance to reserve a spot if you would like to carpool from the meeting point to the project area. The tour is weather dependent, and participants are encouraged to contact the Pagosa Ranger District, if wet weather is in the forecast.*

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