

## Slash pile burning and restoration practicum

**Evaro (7 miles north Hwy 93, meet in Buck Snort Restaurant parking lot)** – November 12, 2016

*Taught by Dr. Peter Kolb, MSU Extension Forestry Specialist*

Thinning, logging and just regular forest maintenance generates large quantities of logging debris that must be treated to comply with forest practices hazard reduction laws. Burning such debris as slash piles is an efficient and effective method for treating such debris, however, care must be taken when constructing and burning such piles. This practicum will show you where, how and when to burn slash piles and how to rehabilitate them. This is an entirely outdoor applied class where piles will be burned and restoration treatments can be examined. Please come prepared for all types of weather. Burning generates heat and sparks, thus appropriate clothing and boots will be required if you wish to participate other than spectating.

Clothing and gear required:

1. Cotton or wool clothing – No synthetics (they melt)
2. Hard hat and cotton or wool cap
3. Leather boots at least 6 inches tall and no-slip soles
4. Pair of leather gloves
5. Long handled shovel (if you wish to help)
6. Orange vest or jacket (it is hunting season)

Class will start at 10:00 AM and we will meet in the Bucksnort parking lot on the west side of HWY 93 at the top of Evaro hill (see map). From there we will car pool about 1.5 miles to the property. You will be required to walk ½ to 1 mile. Bring water and sack lunch. Class will adjourn when you want to leave, or in late afternoon.

**There is no fee for this class**, though it would be best to contact us to let us know how many will be attending. Christina Oppegard (243-2773) [Christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu](mailto:Christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu)  
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