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Comments: The January 12 article in the Record Courier shows a prescribed burn in Genoa, one of at least 6 smoke plumes that we saw along the mountains. This photo was taken close to my home. We had smoke ash sitting on our car that day. That night, KTVN News said that people should stay indoors during this period of stagnant air with the prescribed burns going on.

After a disastrous year of fire and smoke, we are happy to have some clean air to breathe again. We were happy, that is, until the prescribed burns began in the Reno, Washoe, Eagle, and Carson Valleys.

I can remember when these fires were called controlled burns. But they got out of control and burned down forests, peoples homes, and property all too often, so they were renamed prescribed burns.

With the current strong emphasis on avoiding global warming, it does not make sense to purposefully and intentionally add the particulate matter and carbon dioxide to our atmosphere.

These "burn piles" should instead be chipped, shredded, and pulped for use in gardens, town parks, and paper mills instead. The same firemen who do the burning should be used to dispose of the wood products.

For the sake of our health, global warming, and fire prevention, prescribed burns should be ended. Let's become the advanced civilization that we are capable of and stop living and acting like it is the dark ages.