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Incident: Beulah Hill Fire #Beulahhillfire

Date/time: Friday, October 07, 2016 4:00p.m.

Livestock Disposal

To protect human health and the environment in an emergency, Public Health authorized temporary management practices and procedures for the disposal of dead animals associated with the Beulah Hill Fire. The Colorado Department of Agriculture regulates carcass disposal.

Burying a carcass must comply with the following regulations:

Livestock Landfill and Burial Requirements

- No dead animals shall be placed in any body of water, seasonal creek or pond.
- Surface water should be diverted from the pit utilizing an upgradient diversion berm or other method.
- All dead animals must be buried at least 150 feet down gradient from any groundwater supply source.
- In no case should the bottom of the burial pit be closer than five feet to the groundwater table.
- Burial sites must be located more than one mile from any residence of any person.

Note: When burying dead livestock, it is best to add a layer of lime or quicklime below and above a carcass to accelerate the decomposition process. Overuse of lime should be avoided. If lime or quicklime is not available, burial without it is acceptable. Avoid contacting human skin with lime or quicklime, which are caustic and can cause severe burns.

Other Disposal Options for Dead Animals

- Permitted landfills will accept them.
- Rendering plants (Only out-of-state options exist at this time.)
- Composting requires approval of a separate design and operations plan.

Other Best Management Practices

- Before burial or other disposition:
 - Arrange carcasses individually in rows and not on top of one another.
 - Locate carcasses in the shade and out of sunlight.
- Avoid burial sites with fractured or cavernous bedrock, highly permeable soils or seasonal high water tables.
- Do not bury more than 10 animals together to minimize potential nuisance conditions and impacts to ground water.

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