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North Zone Fire Management

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The Pines Hazard Fuel Reduction project

The Ferron/Price Ranger District completed a prescribed fire, in June, burning 1536 acres. The project was called The Pines and is located on the southeast part of the Ferron district. The Pines area is approximately 6 miles northwest of Emery Utah.

The Pines prescribed fire was designed to reduce the hazard fuels/fuel loading on 1536 acres of Ponderosa Pine cover type. There is not a lot of Ponderosa Pine on the Manti division of the forest and there was a need to reduce the hazard fuels there. The prescribed fire was completed with hand ignition using drip torches. The crews did a lot of walking and were very successful meeting the objectives of the burn and having a great safety record with no injuries.

The prescribed fire was completed in 4 days. At different times the prescribed fire organizations was broken into 2 or 3 ignition teams and would burn several units. By having several ignition teams, the burn boss was able to complete a lot of acres in a day. There were several individuals that were able to receive good training assignments in timber and complete their task books. We had training opportunities for Type 2 Burn Boss, Type 2 Ignition Specialist, Engine Boss, Squad Boss and a number of Fire Effects Monitors.

The project was completed using Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the State of Utah fire crews. The interagency cooperation was excellent and the Forest Service sends a special thanks to them for their help.

In 2004, the Ferron Ranger District had a Wildland Fire Use in the project area. It was called the Links Fire Use. That fire burned 220 acres. The Links fire use looks real good and we hope the prescribed fire will look as good next year.

There are still several units (1500 acres) that will be burned in 2007. There is a mine portal in the area and it is due to be closed that year prior to any burning.

