



## Cove Creek / Sulphurdale Prescribed Fire Beaver Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest



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**Planned Date:** Spring, Fall 2010

**Location:** At the Northeast corner of the Beaver Ranger District, North of Beaver approximately 25 miles and East of the Sulphurdale Geothermal plant. The area being targeted is the Cove Creek / Sulphur Beds pastures.

**Legal Description:** Township 25 South, Range 6 West, Sections 31-34. Township 26 South Range 6 West Sections 3-10, 15-22.

### **Project Description:**

Starting Spring, 2010 the Beaver Ranger District hopes to implement the prescribed fire project by burning approximately 1000 acres.

The overlying objective is to reduce fuel loadings in this area. The area consists of a mixture of Gambel Oak, Mixed Conifer, and Aspen fuel types. Fire exclusion over time in this area has left abundant dead and down fuels increasing the risk of a high severity wildfire. Other objectives fire managers have for the burn is to return fire to its natural role in the landscape to maintain a diverse mosaic pattern of vegetation, increase herbaceous forage production for wildlife, improve range habitat, as well as reduce the fuel loadings in the area.

Past prescribed burn projects with similar vegetation composition within the Fishlake National Forest have shown to improve the health and vigor of desirable vegetative species.

