



News Release

Fishlake National Forest



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Prescribed Burn planned near Beaver

Beaver, Utah – The Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District is preparing for a prescribed burn designated in an area located near Beaver. Beaver Ranger District and Central Utah Interagency Fire Crews will be implementing the project beginning May 27, 2009 and continuing through the fall of 2009. They are planning to burn Pinyon and Juniper slash piles which was selectively cut and left to cure the previous season. The primary treatment objective is to reduce the hazardous fuels in this area as well as increase the herbaceous forage production.

The Sheep Rock Chaining Maintenance Project is approximately 800 acres located 5 miles north of the community of Beaver on the west side of the Beaver Ranger District. Smoke will be visible from the I-15 corridor.

Generally, there are only two “windows of opportunity” per year, spring and fall, when the fuels, vegetation, and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. Although, every effort is made to conduct prescribed fires so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere, some communities and residents may be affected for short periods of time.

The prescribed fire will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, Department of Air Quality Regulations and other factors can be safely met.

For more information and links about wildland fire and prescribed fire in Utah, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

It is also time to work on defensible space projects around your homes and property. For information on how you can reduce wildfire risk to your property and increase the safety of firefighters, please visit <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/prevention/defensiblespace.htm>.

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