



Ahlstrom Hollow Prescribed Fire Powell Ranger District, Dixie National Forest



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Planned Burn Date:

Oct-Nov-2011 Apr-Sept-2012

Expected Duration:

Approximately, 5-10 days for ignition operations and 5-10 days for fire to clean up accumulated fuels.

Location: The burn unit is located on the Paunsaugunt plateau, in Garfield County, Utah, approximately 20 miles southeast of Panguitch. The East Fork of the Sevier River lies to the east of the unit, Sunset Cliffs are on the west, and Blue Fly Creek is the southern boundary of the Unit and Highway 12 is on the north side of the unit.

Legal Description: The legal description for the project area includes all or part of sections 16-20, 26 and 35, township (T) 36 south (S), range (R) 4 west (W); sections 13 and 24, T.36S., R.4 ½ W., SLC meridian.

Project Description: This is a continuation of an ongoing project that is being conducted by the Powell Ranger District; approximately 600-800 acres are planned for treatment this year. The purpose of the project is to modify the species mix to a more early seral condition by favoring ponderosa pine, increase diameter growth, and improve forest health. The long-term vegetation goal is to move toward the properly functioning condition through mechanical treatments and return fire to its natural role in this area. The need for proposed treatment is that much of the Ponderosa component on the Paunsaugunt unit has become encroached with PJ due to the lack of fire or fire suppression. Fire return intervals for this vegetation type vary from 5-15 years however much of the area has not been burned for over 100 years. The goal is to restore fire back into the stands, and improve the pine forest as well as brush (manzanita and bitterbrush) understory to improve overall forest health.