



Pretty Tree Bench Prescribed Fire Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest



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Planned Burn Date:

April - November 2012

Expected Duration:

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

Location: Escalante Ranger District at three locations near Boulder, Utah. Two above Salt Gulch (Sweetwater Creek and Grimes Creek Drainages) Two miles north of Salt Gulch, Utah, and four miles northwest of Boulder, Utah. A third location six miles north/northwest of Boulder (West Fork of Boulder Creek Drainage, near Haws Pasture) will also be implemented.

Legal Description: Township 32 South, Range 3 East: all or part of Sections 27, 28, 33, 34, and 35. Township 33 South, Range 3 East: all or part of Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, and 15. Township 32 South, Range 4 East: all or part of Sections 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33. Township 33 South, Range 4 East: all or part of Sections 4, 5, 6, and 8.

Project Description:

This is a continuation of an ongoing project that is being conducted by the Escalante Ranger District; approximately 800 acres are planned for treatment this year. Treatment methods will consist of prescribed burning by hand and aerial ignition using a helicopter. Each unit will be burned to create diversity of structural stages, age classes, and species composition.

The Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest is implementing this project to reduce potential negative effects from future wildland fire to Forest Service Lands. This Prescribed Fire is intended to: Reduce dead and down fuel loading in the Ponderosa Pine stands within the project area. Raise the canopy height in live Ponderosa Pines to reduce the potential of unplanned wildfire killing mature trees. Create a mosaic of various age classes in the Gambel's Oak within the Ponderosa Pine stands. Return Ponderosa Pine stands to a stocking level more representative of healthy, historic levels in order to ensure long term viability of the stands.