

Sunset North Prescribed Fire/Mechanical Treatment



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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, northeast of Hatch, Utah. The Sevier River lies to the west of the unit, and the Sunset Cliffs are the eastern boundary of the Unit. Red Canyon and Highway 12 are on the north side of the unit. Hillsdale is approximately 2 miles to the west of this project. There are several private recreational properties located within the unit. The perimeter of the unit is defined by connecting roads and well-traveled two-tracks.

Legal Description:

The legal description for the project area includes all or part of sections 14-9, 17, and 18 township (T) 35 south (S), range (R) 3 west (W); sections 31 and 32, T.34S. R.3 W., SLC meridian.

Project Description:

This a continuation of an ongoing project that is being conducted by the Powell Ranger District; approximately 300-400 acres are planned for treatment this year.

The Sunset Cliffs North Fuels Management Project Area contains a mix of vegetation types. Elevations range from about 7100 feet to about 8600 feet. Vegetation consists of upland vegetation communities.

Stands within the project area are primarily ponderosa pine forests. Approximately 2,163 acres of pinyon and juniper (P/J) forests occur and a small amount of mixed conifer is present on north facing slopes. Exclusive of the P/J areas, nearly all the stands have been previously harvested. They are less than 150 years old.

This burn plan covers approximately 1,200 acres within the 5,817 acres Sunset Cliffs North Treatment Area. The Sunset Cliffs North Treatment Area has been subdivided into 26 sub-units which vary in size from 15 to 600 acres. This burn plan covers units, 1 through 8. The area consists of approximately 620 acres of PJ, 120 acres Sagebrush and 460 acres of Ponderosa.