



News Release

Fishlake National Forest



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Dock Springs Prescribed Burn Planned for Beaver Ranger District

Beaver, Utah- The Fishlake National Forest, and Beaver Ranger District Fire and Fuels personnel are planning to implement the Dock Springs Prescribed Burn Project starting **December 1st through December 31st, 2012**. This project will only be implemented within parameters that meet specific management objectives these parameters include but are not limited to temperature, wind speed and direction, soil moisture, fuel moisture and the State Department of Air Quality standard of a clearing index of 500 plus. The fuels project will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations (smoke issues), and the approved prescribed fire plan.

The Dock Springs Prescribed Fire Project is located West of Circleville and Junction, Utah in Puite County, 5 miles in the Dock Springs area, west of the forest boundary. This project is approximately 1000 acres and consists of Pinyon and Juniper fuel types.

The objectives for this project are to reduce hazardous fuels, return fire to its natural role on the landscape in order to maintain a diverse mosaic pattern of vegetation, increase herbaceous forage production for wildlife, and improve range habitat.

To provide for the safety of the public and fire personnel, temporary travel restrictions may be in place on roads and trails in the project area during burning operations.

Those who plan to visit or hunt on the National Forest in this project area during burning operations may be subject to smoke impacts and temporary travel restrictions on road and trail closures.

In an effort to reduce the impact to the public, attempts will be made to avoid ignition on any federal holiday weekend, as well as the opening weekend of any big game hunt(s), although residual smoke and fire personnel may be present at those times.

For further information and links about prescribed fire, wildland fire and reducing wildfire risks to your property please visit <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov>.

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