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Horse Hollow Prescribed Burn Planned for Fillmore Ranger District

The Fillmore Ranger District will be conducting the Horse Hollow prescribed burn starting the first week of October and continuing as needed through December 2008. A prescribed burn is the use of management ignited fire, conducted under specified weather and fuel conditions in order to achieve specific management objectives. Generally there are only two “windows of opportunity” per year when fuel, vegetation and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. These usually occur in the spring and fall. Although every effort is made to conduct prescribed burns so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere, some communities and residents may be affected for short periods of time. The burn will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, and other factors can be safely met.

The Horse Hollow Hazardous Fuels Reduction project is located two miles east and southeast of the city of Fillmore, Utah. This project encompasses approximately 2700 acres and is located within the Center Fork Chalk Creek Grazing Allotment. The objectives of the project are to reduce potential negative effects from future catastrophic wildland fire. The treatment area will also have secondary impacts that will improve the area for wildlife and livestock, as well as promote regeneration of Quaking Aspen clones. Approximately 40-80% of the vegetation will be burned in a mosaic pattern to create a diversity of structural vegetative stages.

Firefighters from the Central Utah Interagency Fire Program (CUIF) will be hand lighting the treatment area using drip torches and fusees, and a helicopter will be used for aerial ignition. The area has been prepared for prescribed fire and broken down into smaller units. The units will be burned one at a time to safely manage the prescribed burn.

The prescribed burn activities will not be occurring during the general deer hunt. However, access into the project area and camping in proximity to the project area leading up to the hunt will be limited while prescribed fire activities are occurring. For additional information or a map of the affected area, please contact Tyler Monroe at 435-743-8310 or the Fillmore Ranger District at 435-743-5721 (390 S. Main St. in Fillmore, Utah, M-F 800-430)

Information and links about wildland fire in Utah can be found on the internet at www.utahfireinfo.gov.