

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Manti-La Sal National Forest**

### **Moab/Monticello Ranger District**

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#### **LACKEY BASIN PRESCRIBED FIRE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED**

Fire Managers and biologists with the Manti-La Sal National Forest are pleased with the success of Saturday's Lackey Basin Prescribed Burn. Conditions were just right for aerial ignition using helicopters to burn sections of the aspen grove on the south side of South Mountain in the La Sals. Aspen need high heat to stimulate the root system, promoting sprouting and removing competing conifers. Fire crews will monitor the burned area for the next several weeks or until the burn is extinguished. Public is advised to stay clear of burned areas as aspen can fall, even without windy conditions.

This is the first of several treatments planned in the future for the Lackey Basin area. This burn was a cooperative effort including the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Canyon Country District BLM, and other partners such as Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative.

#### **FACTS:**

Personnel on burn June 18, 2016: 44  
Helicopters: 2 (From Moab BLM and Mountain Green, Uintah-Wasatch-Cache NF)  
Acres treated: 1,400 (500 acres were actually burned within these units, providing precise treatments)  
Ignition start time: 1121  
End ignition time: 1733



Figure 1. Several target areas of Lackey Basin Prescribed Burn after ignition on June 18, 2016



Figure 2. Areas in previous photo showing actual burn pattern on June 19, 2016

**Figure 1. Bartholomew Canyon Prescribed Fire Pre-Treatment**

**Figure 2. Bartholomew Canyon Rx Post Treatment**



