



Pando Aspen Clone Restoration Project - Prescribed Burn

Fremont Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest



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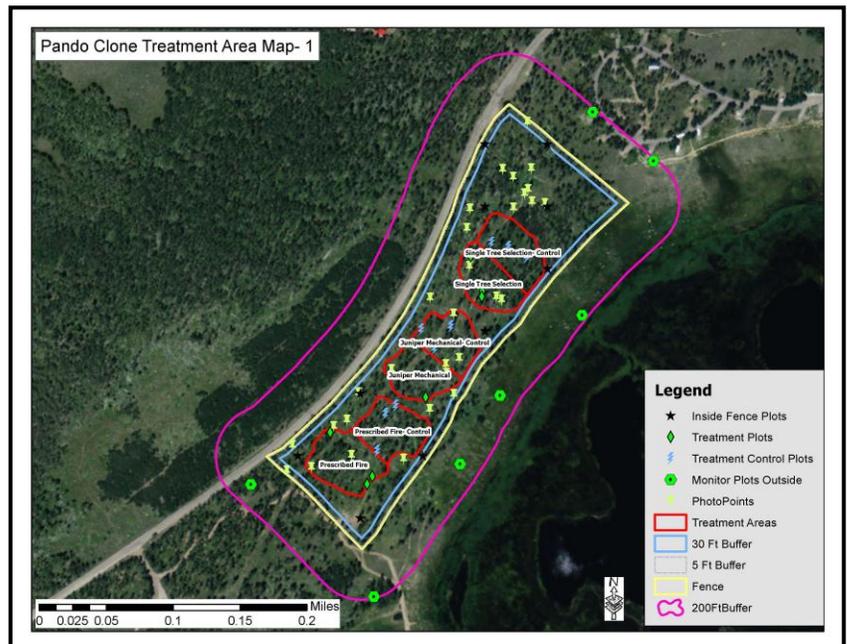
Location: One mile southwest of Lakeside Resort on State Highway 25 and one mile east of Mallard Bay at the southwest corner of Fish Lake; Sevier County, Utah.

Legal Description: Township 26 South, Range 1 East, Section 25.

Lat/Long: N 38 x 31' x 21.8"; W 111 x 45' x 3.7"

Project Description: Beginning the spring of 2014, the Fremont River Ranger District will conduct a combination of test treatments designed to stimulate regeneration on young aspen. Treatment will involve two method types: burning and cutting.

Common juniper understory, which exists as distinct groundcover layers throughout the clone, will be burned during the spring and fall months. Select areas will be mechanically cut to remove overstory, allowing additional sunlight for new aspen shoots, and stimulate regeneration of young sprouts. Cutting treatments will take place during the summer. Treatment types will be completed on plots no larger than five acres each.



The Pando Clone is believed to be the largest aspen clone in the world and the largest (most massive) single living organism in existence that has been discovered to date. It encompassed approximately 106 acres and is estimated to weigh in excess of 13 million pounds. This clone is internationally renowned and is known by many throughout the world.

Mature trees in this clone are dying due to insects and disease. Young stems are not regenerating due to herbivory, recreation use and other factors. Without management action, the clone is in danger of dying off completely or becoming sharply reduced in size.