



News Release

Fishlake National Forest



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Prescribed Burns Planned for the Richfield Ranger District

RICHFIELD, UT – The Richfield Ranger District of the Fishlake National Forest is planning to conduct three prescribed burns on the Monroe Mountain Range. Implementation could begin as soon as August 25, 2011 and may continue through October 31, 2011, with exact dates depending on favorable weather conditions and the availability of adequate firefighting resources. The scheduled projects are:

Project Name	Location	Acres	Temporary Restrictions
Box Creek Aspen Regeneration	Brindley Flat area, approximately 1 ½ mile southeast of Monroe Meadows	150	Forest Road 160
Box Creek	Area between Manning Meadow Reservoir and Upper Box Creek Reservoir, approximately 1 mile south of the mountain community of Manning Meadows	3,300	Paiute Side Trail (PST) 87 & 89
Twin Peaks	Forshea Mountain, approximately 5 miles east of Piute Reservoir	2,000	Forest Road 068, 073, and 025

Those who plan to visit the National Forest in these areas during the aforementioned dates may be subject to smoke impacts and temporary road/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 these times.

The primary objective of the three projects is to reduce hazardous fuels. The secondary objective is to enhance vegetation and stimulate aspen regeneration; to support healthy ecosystems for wildlife and watershed resources; and to improve conditions for public safety, as well as minimize the risk of large-scale wildfires to private landowners, structures, and natural resources within the area.

Also, the Richfield Ranger District will be hosting an Open House meeting to present information on the upcoming prescribed burns. The Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sevier County Administration Building in Richfield. The Open House is designed to provide information about the planned prescribed burns and answer any questions the public may have.

For more detailed information, contact the Richfield Ranger District at 435-896-9233. For additional information on prescribed fire projects throughout Utah, please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov

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