

# US Forest Service Dixie National Forest

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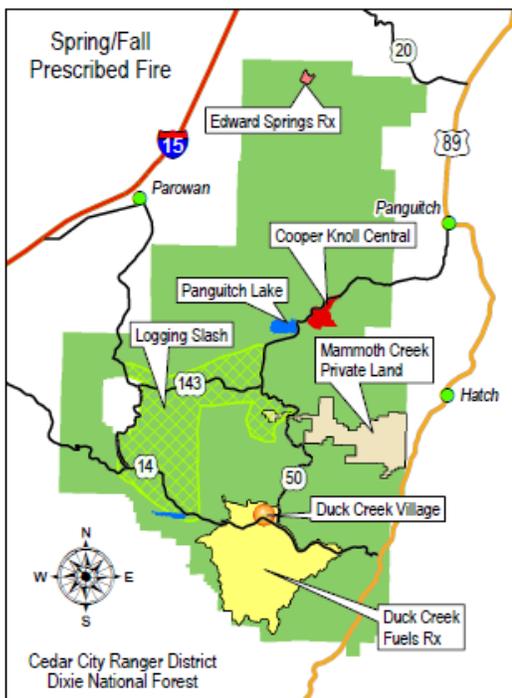


## Notice of Prescribed Fire

**Jurisdiction:** U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District. (435)-865-3200

With the recent shift in the weather the Cedar City Ranger District will begin its fall through spring prescribed burn program in the Dixie National Forest. "These projects are part of a continuing effort to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire to mountain communities and improve forest health." said Cedar City District Ranger Veronica Magnuson.

**Start Date:** October 2013 through December 2013 and continuing into January through May 2014.



**Locations: Cooper Knoll Central (Up to 1500 acres)** Prescribed Fire located 5 miles due northeast of Panguitch Lake Utah. (Map dark red)

**Duck Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction (Up to 2500 acres)** Prescribed Fire area located in the greater Duck Creek, Strawberry Valley, and Swains Creek areas. (Map Yellow)

**Edwards Spring (Up to 500 acres)** Prescribed Fire located 9 miles Northeast of Paragonah Utah. (Map light red)

**Cedar City Ranger District Logging Slash (Up to 200 acres):** Slash from logging activity located from Navajo lake north and west to Brian Head continuing along 143 to Twin Lakes continuing to Upper Mammoth Springs in between an along highways 14,143, Mammoth Creek HWY. (See green hash)

**Prescribed (RX) fire Goals:** These prescribed fire treatments are designed to improve timber stands, watersheds, wildlife habitat, regenerate aspen, and reduce unnatural and heavy dead/downed woody debris, while improving ecosystem health. Healthier Forests with less dead woody debris in the understory are far less susceptible to unwanted destructive wildfires.

**Closures:** None anticipated

**Fire Crews/Resources:** Will be on scene to prepare, ignite, and hold the Prescribed Fire in predetermined locations. Once ignition has been completed, firefighting personnel will continue to patrol and monitor as necessary based on risk these burns until declared out.

**Summary: The Dixie National Forest is a fire dependent ecosystem.** Prescribed fire is an essential tool in maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. Prescribed fire is applied to maintain these forest ecosystems by providing healthier trees, watersheds, forage and habitat for wildlife and livestock, while reducing the threat of a large destructive wildfire from occurring in the future. Years of planning goes into each specific prescribed fire project, with priority emphasis on safety for the general public and firefighters. Care and forethought is taken to reduce the amount the Publics exposure to smoke from prescribed fire projects. Strict guidelines regarding smoke, set forth by the Utah Division of Air Quality, must be met and followed before any ignition can begin. Large portions of these prescribed fire projects have been completed with a high level of success. We appreciate the Public's patience, questions, and comments concerning any of these projects.

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**For more information on these Prescribed Fires and other fuel reduction projects in Utah visit:**

[http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/fuel\\_projects.html](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/fuel_projects.html)

