

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**  
**Ogden Ranger District**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**BIG CREEK PRESCRIBED BURN PROJECT**

Ogden, Utah, April 29, 2011 – Fire personnel on the Ogden Ranger District are planning to implement the Big Creek prescribed burn, anytime from May 2, 2011 through July 1, 2011. The prescribed burn project is located in the New Canyon area approximately 50 miles East of Ogden and 15 miles West of Randolph, Utah in Rich County. If weather allows, fire personnel will snowmobile into the area on Monday, May 2, 2011 and using hand ignition methods will burn 100 acres of sage brush.. (see attached map)

The primary purpose of the prescribed burn is to restore and maintain diversity among sage brush and to improve habitat for wildlife, such as elk, moose and mule deer. Treatments such as these also help to improve forest health by reducing hazardous fuels.

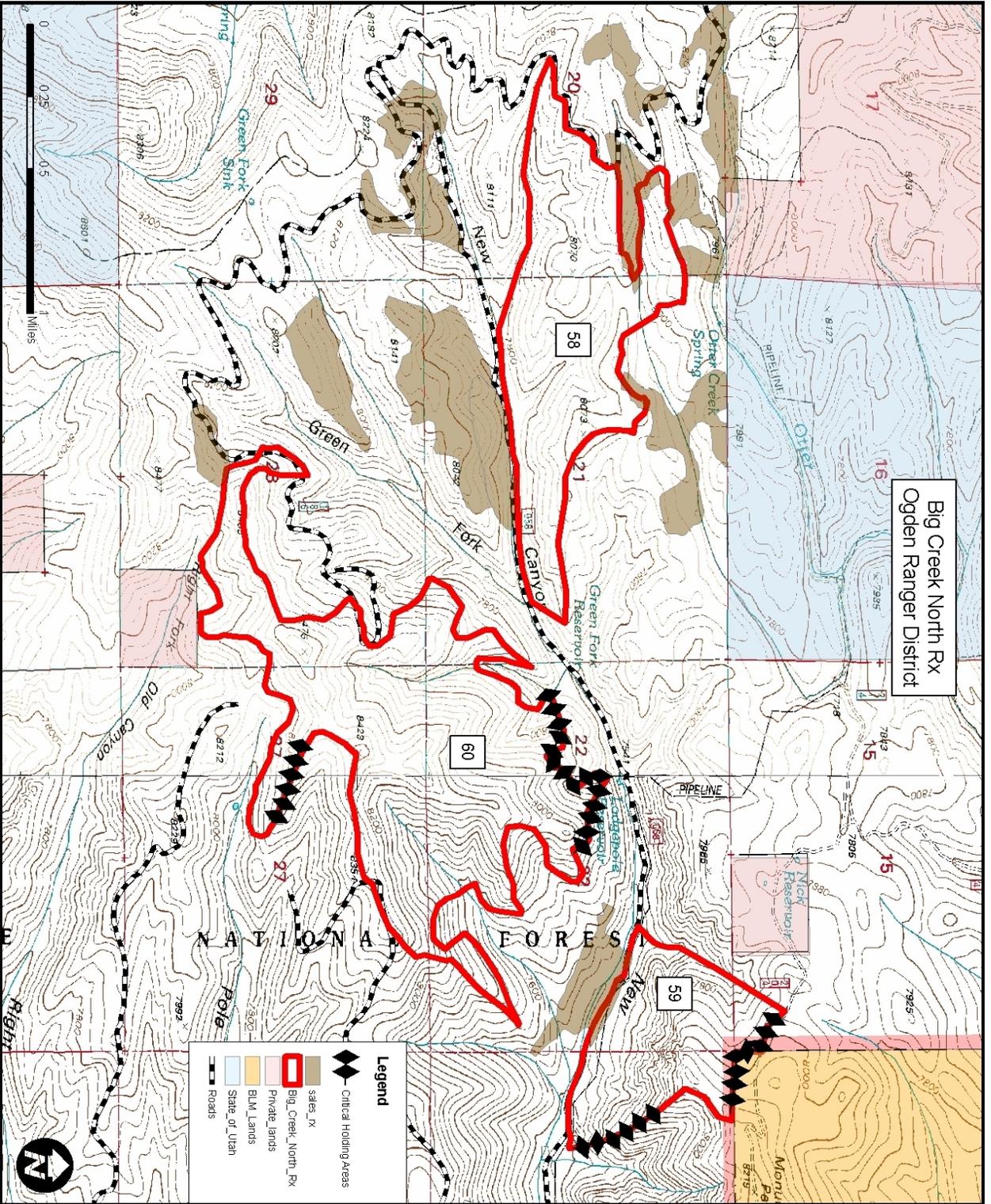
Fire personnel will also burn 20 timber slash piles that are within the Big Creek prescribed burn area. Burning these piles will return important nutrients to the soil, completing fire's regenerative cycle, which is an ongoing effort to improve forest health.

Smoke maybe visible from the communities of Randolph and Woodruff, Monte Cristo along Utah State Highway 39 and from Hardware Ranch.

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**Big Creek North Rx  
Ogden Ranger District**



**Legend**

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- Big\_Creek\_North\_Rx
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