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**LOGAN RANGER DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT  
BLACKSMITH FORK PRESCRIBED BURN**

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 20, 2013 –Fire managers on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest announced today that the Logan Ranger District is planning to implement portions of the Blacksmith Fork prescribed burn. Depending on weather conditions, lighting of the 1,177 acre prescribed burn could take place from October 1st through the end of November. The burn area is located approximately 11 miles east of Logan and approximately 15 miles northeast of Hyrum, Utah.

The primary purpose of the proposed treatment is restoration and maintenance of age-class diversity among aspen-dominated stands for the benefit of wildlife species and to decrease the potential for high intensity wildfires. To achieve this goal, approximately 40-70% of the treatment areas identified will be burned in order to stimulate regeneration of aspen. It is anticipated that the prescribed fire will also consume a component of shrub vegetation and pockets of fir.

Prescribed burns will only be ignited when fuel moistures and weather conditions allow for smoke dispersal away from communities near the burn area. Some smoke can be expected to linger during the evening and early morning hours in communities near the burn areas. Qualified fire personnel will use hand crews and a helicopter to ignite fire in the designated area and engine and hand crews will monitor the fire area until it is completely out.

The burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and possibly the day after. There may also be delays along the roads bordering the prescribed fire area that may impact hunters and other recreational uses. Smoke may also be visible during the burn and can be expected to linger during the evening and early morning hours.

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# Blacksmith Fork Prescribed Fire Area 2013

