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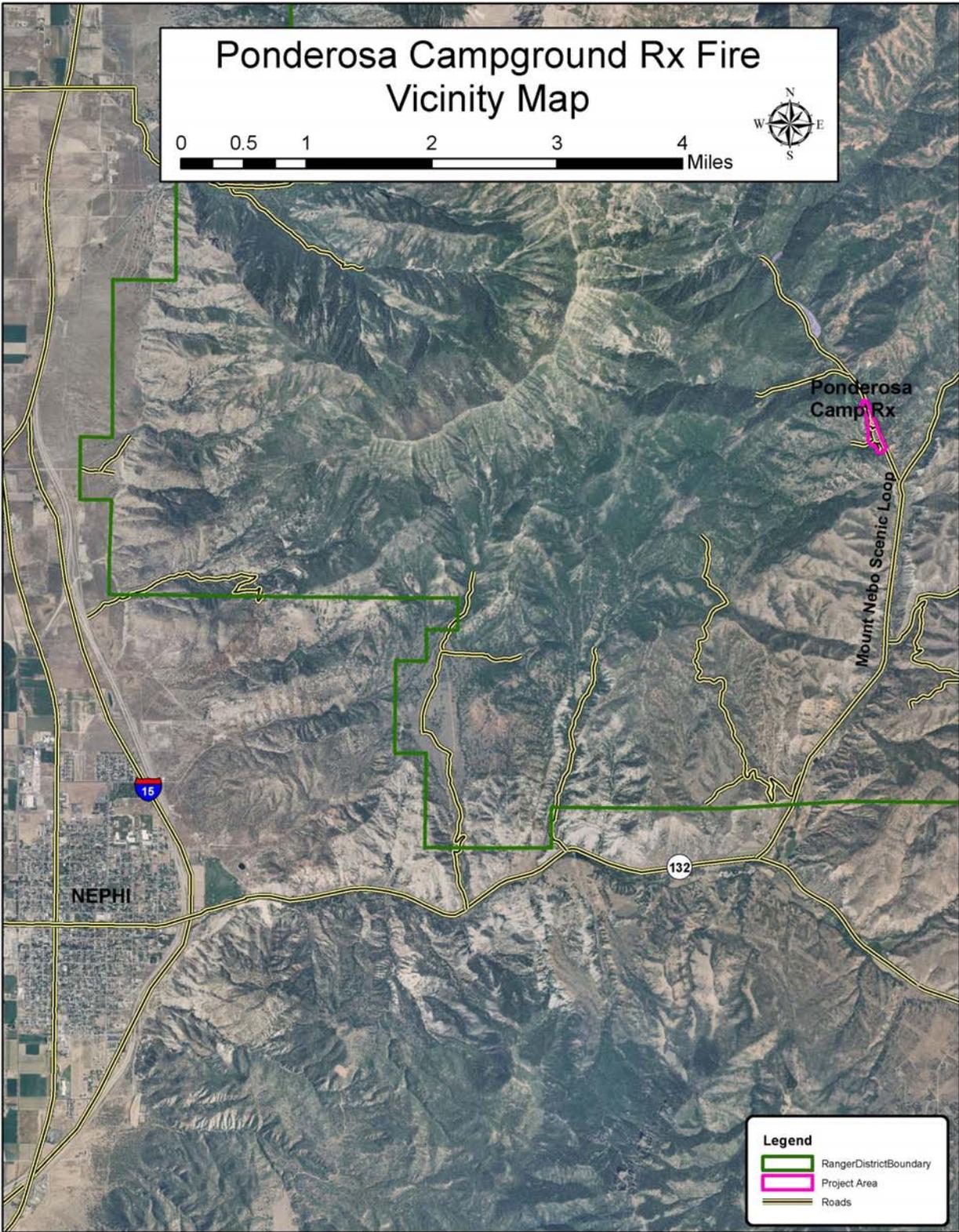
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UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST TO USE PRESCRIBED BURNING TO CLEAN UP LEAF LITTER WITHIN THREE CAMPGROUNDS

Salt Lake Utah, October 30, 2012 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire personnel are planning to utilize prescribed fire to remove leaf litter, pine needles and downed and dead vegetation within three campgrounds on the Forest anytime from October 29th through November 30th. This type of burn is called broadcast burning, which is a type of maintenance burn where fire is applied to surface fuels such as leaf and pine needle litter and other downed and dead vegetation. Broadcast burning is conducted during the fall when temperatures and relative humidity are moderate to high, which keeps the fire low to the ground. The project consists of treating 160 acres in Rock Canyon and 17 acres in Hope campground on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District and 20 acres in Ponderosa campground on the Spanish Fork Ranger District. (see attached maps)

Objectives for this project are to reduce the build-up of dead and downed litter, decrease the fuels to lessen the risk of wildfires within the campgrounds, maintain the health of Ponderosa Pine and re-introduce fire back into the ecosystem. Firefighters will utilize existing trails and roads as fire breaks and use only hand held drip torches to treat the areas.

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Rock Canyon & Hope Campground Rx Fire

