

# NEWS RELEASE

## Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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#### EVANSTON/MT. VIEW RANGER DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT PORTION OF HOOP LAKE PRESCRIBED FIRE

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 18, 2012 –Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, fire management personnel plan to implement portions of the Hoop Lake prescribed fire Friday and Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to use handheld drip torches to treat 75 acres of sagebrush within Unit C and to black line Units A and B for future treatment. (see attached map) Additional treatments within Units A and B may occur between now and the end of November, pending weather conditions

The Hoop Lake prescribed fire project is located in Summit County, Utah, 11 miles south of Lonetree, Wyoming. The project consists of 4 burn units totaling 570 acres in the Hoop Lake and East Beaver Creek areas. The primary objective of the prescribed fire is to reduce fuels, improve wildlife habitat and to restore fire back into the ecosystem. The majority of the timber communities in the project area are approaching late successional stages due to a lack of natural disturbances. The burn will create age-class mosaics across the landscape in timber ecosystems and is intended to lower the risk of future wildfires. (see attached map)

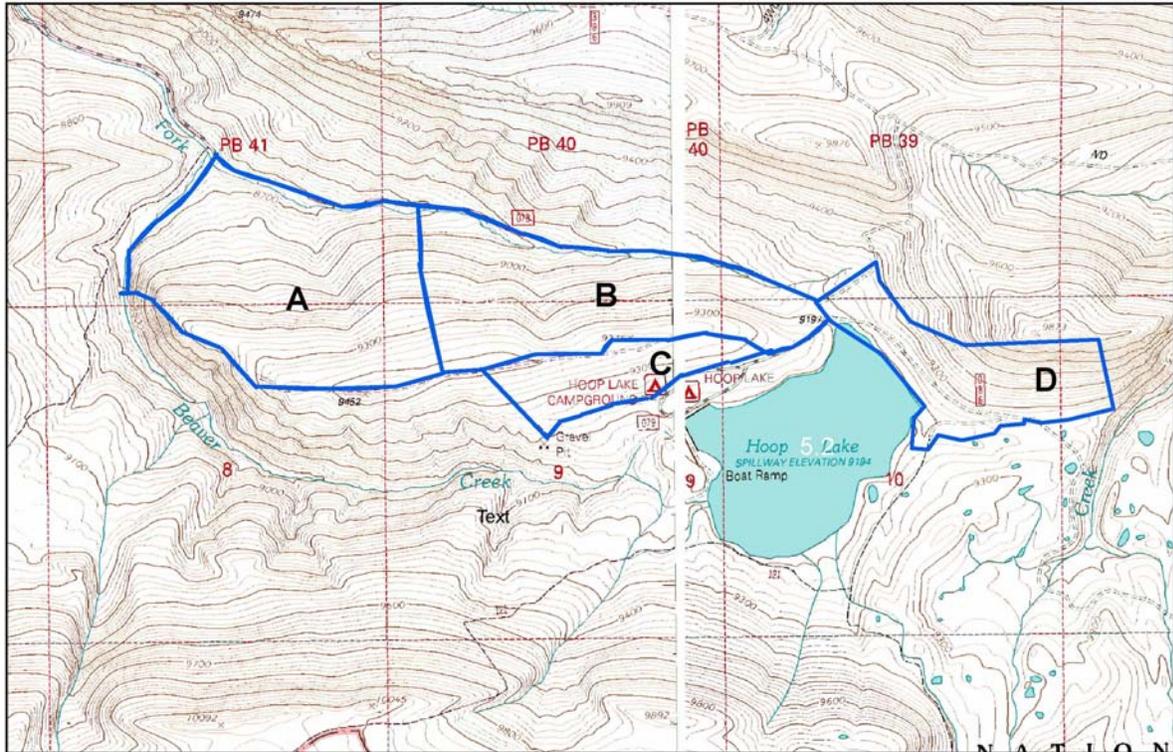
The prescribed fire area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and possibly the day after. The long-term benefits of prescribed fires will be of value to wildlife and hunters alike. Hunters will need to check with the Evanston/Mt. View Ranger District Offices (307) 789-3194 or (307) 782-6555 to confirm when the prescribed fire will be implemented.

To meet resource and safety concerns, prescribed fires only occur when a specific set of conditions are met. These conditions include air, soil and vegetation moisture levels, temperatures, wind directions and speeds, smoke dispersal and expected fire behavior. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when fuel moistures and weather conditions will allow the smoke to dissipate or drift away from communities near the burn area. Crews will monitor the burn area until the fire is completely extinguished.

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# Hoop Lake Sage Rx



## Legend

Treatment\_Units

A 284

B 213

C 73

D 125

Total 695 acres

0 0.15 0.3 0.6 0.9 1.2 Miles

SLC Meridian

T 2N, R 16E, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

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