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## Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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### EVANSTON/MT. VIEW RANGER DISTRICTS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT MILL CITY PRESCRIBED FIRE

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 9, 2015 –Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire management personnel plan to implement the Mill City prescribed fire project any time from October 13, 2015 through November 2015.

This 913-acre burn will occur along Whitney Road, south to the Gold Hill road. Objectives are to stimulate aspen regeneration and improve wildlife habitat. A variety of wildlife species are dependent on the age class and species diversity of aspen and conifer found in the project area. Goshawks prefer the mixed aspen and conifer for nest sites. Elk, deer, and moose use the area for winter range, transitional winter range, and calving.

The Mill City prescribed fire project is located in Summit County, Utah, approximately 2 ½ miles south of the Bear River Ranger Station on the east side of the Mirror Lake Scenic Highway (Utah State Highway 150). (see attached map)

The prescribed fire area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and possibly the day after. Long-term benefits of prescribed fire will benefit both wildlife and hunters. Hunters should contact the Evanston/Mt. View Ranger District Offices (307) 789-3194 or (307) 782-6555 to confirm when the prescribed fire will be implemented.

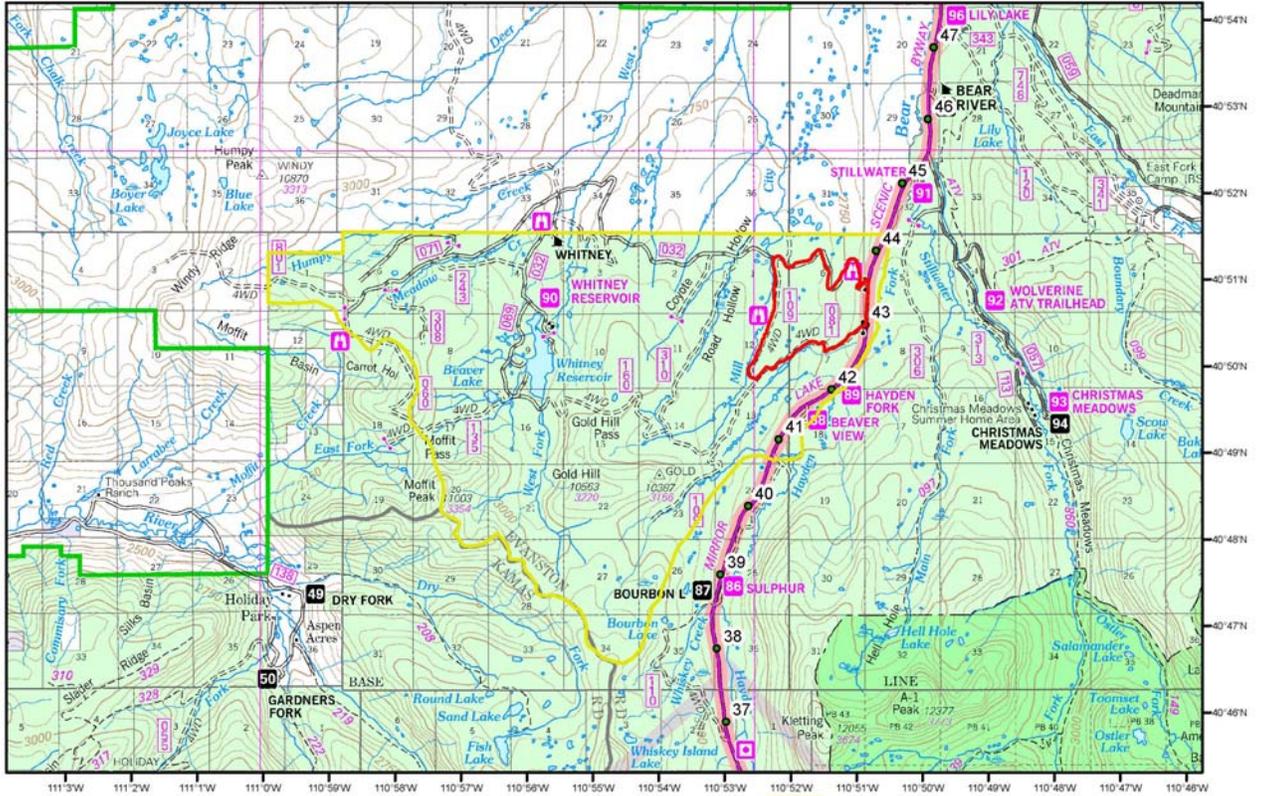
To meet resource and safety concerns, prescribed fires only occur when a specific set of conditions are met. These conditions include air, soil and vegetation moisture levels, temperatures, wind directions and speeds, smoke dispersal and expected fire behavior. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when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

Firefighters will use only hand held drip torches to treat the area and will patrol and monitor the burn until weather conditions eliminate the need to do so, or the fire is declared out.

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# Mill City RX Vicinity Map



- Project Area
- Burn Unit
- Milepost

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