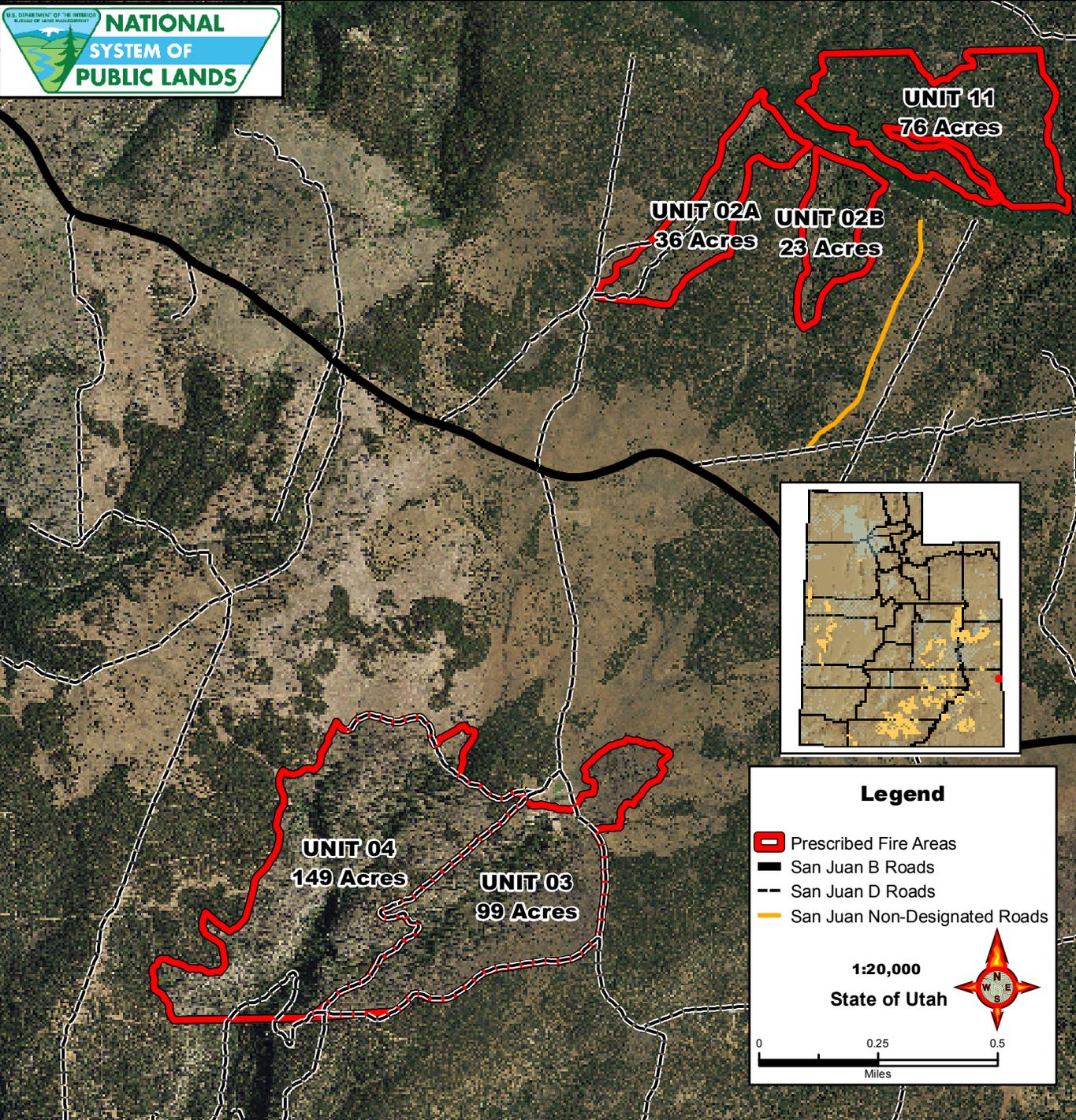


Ray Mesa II Prescribed Fire Notice

247 Acres



The areas outlined in red are scheduled for a prescribed fire during the first week of May, 2013. The burn areas will be closed to the public during firing operations. BLM fire personnel will notify any visitors of the closure on the burn days. Actual burning will take 2-3 days to complete.

This prescribed fire is part of an ongoing fuels reduction and vegetation restoration treatment that has been ongoing for 10 years. Ponderosa pine is a fire dependent species. Dense vegetation under the ponderosa pine was previously thinned; now the area is ready for a low intensity surface burn.

Ray Mesa is home to some of the last old growth ponderosa stands within the boundaries of the BLM Moab Field Office. This low intensity prescribe fire will lessen the potential for high-severity wildland fire and help restore ecosystem health for 247 acres of ponderosa pine stands.

Local firefighters from the BLM Canyon Country Fire Zone will conduct firing operations and monitor fire behavior. The prescribed burn will only be conducted under favorable weather and vegetation conditions in order to achieve desired fire effects and meet the burn plan objectives. Most of the smoke will lift and dissipate during the warmest part of the day. Some smoke may linger over the burn areas and in drainages as temperatures drop during the evening.

Follow us on Twitter@UtahWilfire and www.UtahFireInfo.gov.

BLM Moab Field Office Contact is:
Jason Kirks 435-259-2184