

Lava Point Aspen Prescribed Fire Zion National Park



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Planned Burn Date: During the spring/fall of 2011

Location: The burn unit is located on the northern boundary of the park near the Lava Point Area

Legal Description: Washington County, UT
37° 23.081 113° 2.030

Project Description: The 150 acre Lava Point Aspen Prescribed Burn (Rx) is designed to provide both protection for park resources and surrounding private lands and structures while also stimulating aspen regeneration. Years of fire exclusion at Lava Point have lead to a large build up of fuels and has also changed the forest structure. The Rx will address both of these issues. The area around this burn unit has been identified by state and federal land management agency administrators as one of the original six Wildland/Urban Interface Focus Areas requiring priority fuels treatment in the Color County Interagency Fire Management Area.

Resource goals associated with this burn are to reduce hazardous fuels, improve vegetation composition by encouraging species diversity (especially the regeneration of aspen), continue to introduce fire in a controlled setting to this fire dependent ecosystem, and provide protection to both private and public lands.

