

Pocket Mesa Prescribed Fire Zion National Park



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Planned Burn Date: During the spring/fall of 2013

Location: The burn unit is located near the northwestern boundary of Zion National Park, along the Kolob Terrace Road.

Legal Description: Washington County, UT
317834E 4135629N

Project Description: The 2,800 acre Pocket Mesa Prescribed Fire (Rx) project is a second entry burn (the original burn was conducted in 1999) that will tie together previous Rx's in the park. Together these Rx's will provide a buffer along the park's northwestern boundary that will help protect the park's natural and cultural resources while also protecting private lands and structures bordering the park. 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, continue to introduce fire in a controlled setting to this fire dependent ecosystem, and provide protection to both private and public lands.

