

Sunset Campground Prescribed Fire Bryce Canyon National Park



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Planned Burn Date: During the spring/fall of 2011

Location: Two miles south of the Bryce Canyon Visitor Center to the west of the main park road to East Creek Meadow of the Dixie National Forest.

Legal Description: Garfield County, UT
N 37°, 37', 17.5" W 112°, 11', 0.59"

Project Description: The Interagency 1,106 acre Sunset Campground prescribed fire project is designed primarily to control hazard fuels in and around the Sunset Campground area of Bryce Canyon National Park (BCNP) and the East Creek area of the Dixie National Forest. Secondary objectives are to maintain a consistent fire return interval with regards to promoting native plant species and fuel loads. This particular unit on BCNP was last burned in 1992.

The duration for the project is approximately five days. Tentatively three days of ignition and two patrol / monitoring shifts. The actual number of shifts may be shorter or longer due to holding concerns and/or compliance of resource objectives. This burn will be scheduled for an in-season treatment when conditions meet prescription parameters and other project requirements can be met. 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.

