

# **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**

### **Evanston-Mt. View Ranger Districts**

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### **EVANSTON/MT. VIEW RANGER DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT PRESCRIBED FIRES**

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 29, 2010 –Fire management personnel from Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, are planning to implement the Hoop Lake and Lower Sage Prescribed Fires. The prescribed fires could take place, October 3, 2010 through the end of November 2010.

The Hoop Lake Prescribed Fire project is located in Summit County, Utah, 11 miles south of Lonetree, Wyoming. The project consists of 4 burn units totaling 570 acres in the Hoop Lake and East Beaver Creek areas. The primary objective of the prescribed fire is to reduce fuels, improve wildlife habitat and to restore fire back into the ecosystem. The majority of the timber communities in the project area are approaching late successional stages due to a lack of natural disturbances. In addition, grazing, fire suppression, and other management practices have changed the forest structure and composition, causing a decline in the ecological health of the forests. The burn will create age-class mosaics across the landscape in timber ecosystems and is intended to lower the risk of future wildfires. (see attached map)

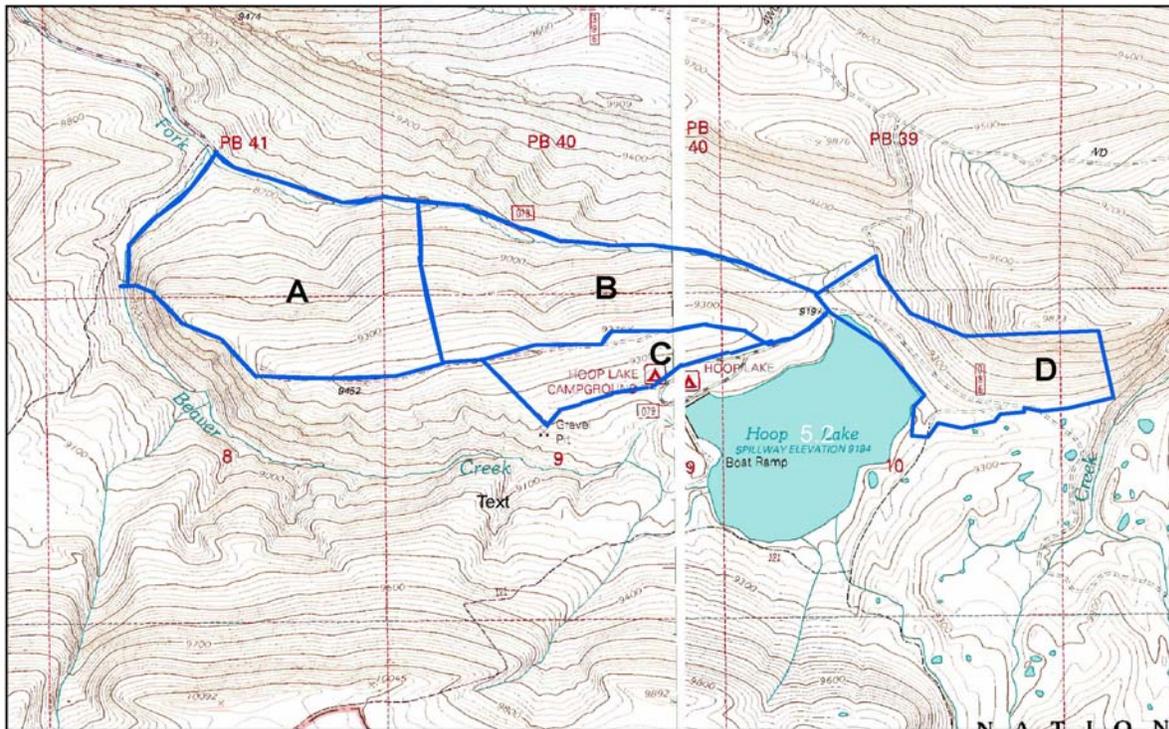
The Lower Sage Prescribed Fire project is located 15 miles south of Mt. View, Wyoming near the Forest boundary in Uinta County, Wyoming. The project consists of 465 acres in the Whiskey Springs and Lower Sage Creek areas. The purpose of the prescribed fire is to regenerate aspen and sagebrush to improve the diversity of wildlife habitat in the area. A variety of wildlife species are dependent on the age class and species diversity of aspen, conifer, and sagebrush 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. Several neo-tropical bird species have a high affinity for this forest type. (see attached map)

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The prescribed fire areas will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and possibly the day after. The long-term benefits of prescribed fires will be of value to wildlife and hunters alike. Hunters will need to check with the Evanston/Mt. View Ranger District Offices (307) 789-3194 or (307) 782-6555 to confirm when the prescribed fires 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. The 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. Fire personnel will use hand-held drip torches and a helicopter to ignite fire in the designated units. Crews will monitor the burn area until the fire is completely extinguished.

## Hoop Lake Sage Rx

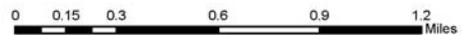


### Legend

Treatment\_Units

- A 284
- B 213
- C 73
- D 125

Total 695 acres



SLC Meridian  
T 2N, R 16E, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

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