

Richfield Interagency Fire Information

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RICHFIELD INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER TO IMPLEMENT PRESCRIBED FIRE IN BEAVER COUNTY

Fishlake National Forest and the Richfield Interagency Fire Center started conducting several prescribed fires last week. The Pine Creek prescribed burn was started October 7 and burned for several days burning approximately 1,000 acres. Pine Creek is ten miles northeast of Beaver.

Burning may take place again in Pine Creek this fall. Another burn is planned to take place at Willow Springs located along I-70 over Clear Creek between Shingle Creek and Fish Creek this fall or spring. The burns will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, and other factors of the prescription can be safely met.

A prescribed fire is the use of management-ignited fire, conducted under specified weather and fuel conditions in order to achieve specific management objectives. Generally there are only one or two "windows of opportunity" per year when fuel, vegetation and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. These usually occur in the spring and fall. Although, every effort is made to conduct prescribed burns so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere. Some communities and residents could be affected for short periods of time.

Both projects are located on the Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District. The Pine Creek project includes approximately 500 to 1,000 acres and the Willow Springs project includes approximately 1,000 acres. Fire fighters will be lighting both project burns using drip torches in order to control the size and heat of the fires. Both areas have been prepared for prescribed fire and broken up into smaller units. Each unit will be burned at a time to manage the fire and minimize the need for additional manpower and equipment.

Information and links about wildland fire in Utah can be found on the Internet at www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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