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Beaver Ranger District to Burn Slash Piles

The Beaver Ranger District will be burning several slash piles in the up-coming months. Each slash pile will burn independently of any other pile; smoke will not be a problem because of the timing of the project, as well as limited access and visibility to the area. The following areas are targeted on the Ranger District: Clear Creek horse pasture and Beaver Canyon will be the only visible slash piles, the other slash piles have been created from range projects, recreation, and fuel projects and are spread out throughout Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District.

These projects are low risk and the burns will occur during the winter months at low temperatures and when snow is on the ground, limiting fire behavior. A prescribed fire is the use of management-ignited fire, conducted under specified weather and fuel conditions in order to achieve specific management objectives.

Depending on weather conditions the slash disposal could take place anytime from **October 19th through next spring**. The burn will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, and other factors of the prescription can be safely met.

All the projects are located on the Fishlake National Forest, Beaver Ranger District. The Fire fighters will be lighting the slash piles using drip torches and fuses in order to control the size and heat of the fires. All areas have been prepared for the slash burns and have been piled by hand or machine. The piles must be burned to prepare the site for both natural and artificial regeneration as well as reducing fuel loading to a more natural level.

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

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