

# Sheep Ridge/Torrey Rim Prescribed Burns Fact Sheet

## Shoshone National Forest

September 8, 2004 11:30 am

**Fire Information:** 307-330-4806 or 307-455-2466

**Forest Web site:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/fire/>

**Location:** Sheep Ridge, Torrey Rim  
Approximately 6 air miles southeast of Dubois, WY

**Ignition Information:** Manual with drip torches and aerial using a helicopter with helitorch module.

**Size:** Sheep Ridge – 100 acres  
Torrey Rim - 2000 acres

**Burn Boss:** Sean Johnson/Jay Slagowski

**Resources assigned to the burns:**  
1 Hand Crew  
5 Type 6 Engines  
1 type 3 Helicopter  
1 Helitorch Module  
Helibase

**Key goals and strategy:** Firefighter and public safety  
Improve winter range and migration corridors for bighorn sheep  
Keep prescribed burn east of the Whiskey Creek trail, west of Wyoming Game and Fish boundary and private lands  
Timber overstory mortality of 35-75%  
Reduce conifers in aspen stands by 50-100%

**Current status:** Sheep Ridge: Ignition planned 9/8/2004  
Torrey Rim: Ignition potentially beginning 9/8/2004, continuing 9/9 through 9/10/2004

**Terrain:** Elevation ranges between 7,800 – 10,600 feet  
All aspects, upper third of slopes, average slope 35%

**Weather conditions:** 9/8/2004 afternoon: Smoke dispersal good, max. temp. = 70-75 degrees, max RH 20-21%  
9/8/2004 evening/night: Smoke dispersal poor, min. temp. 45-47, min RH 55-60%

**Fuels:** Douglas-fir timber interspersed with mountain meadows

**Closures:** None