

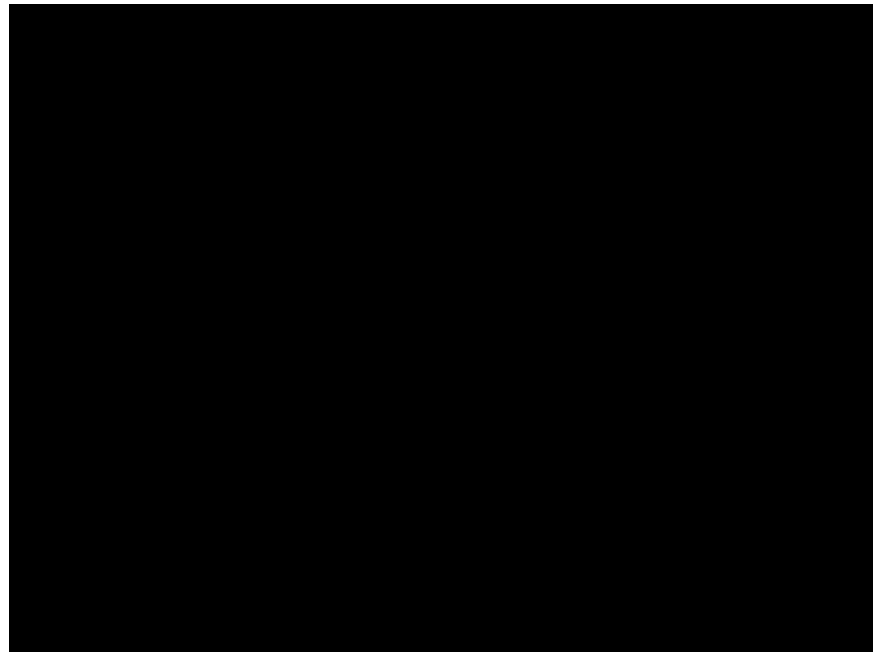
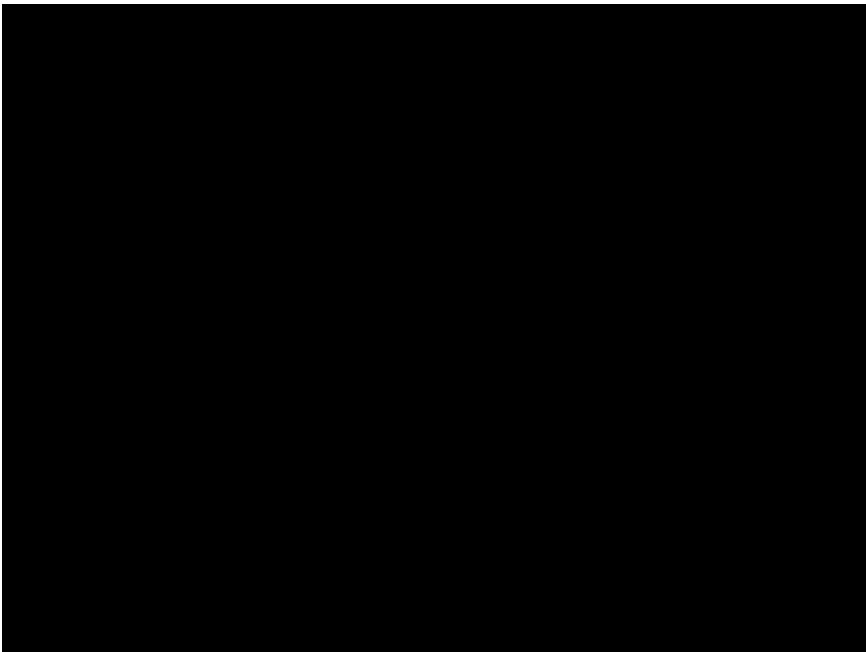
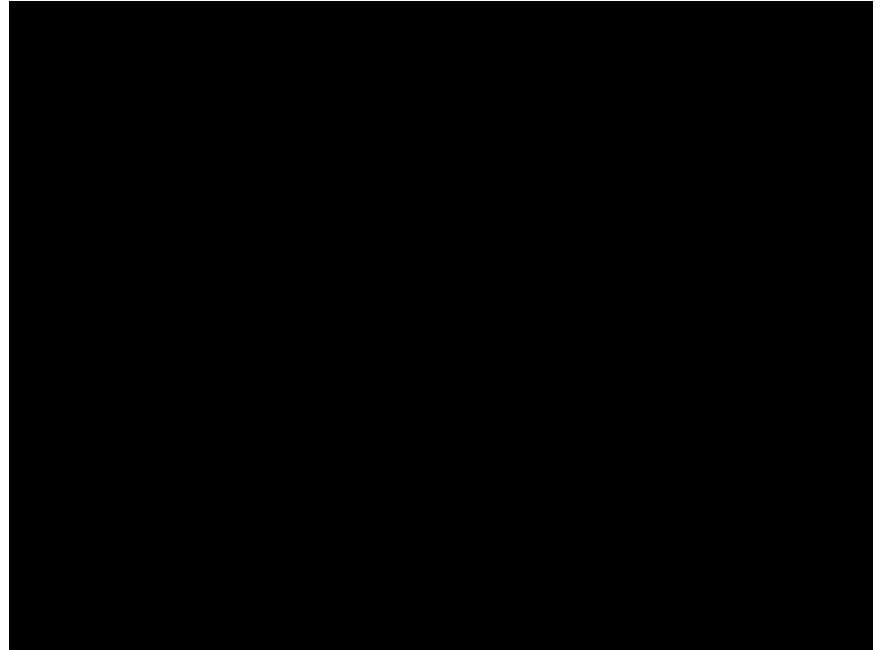
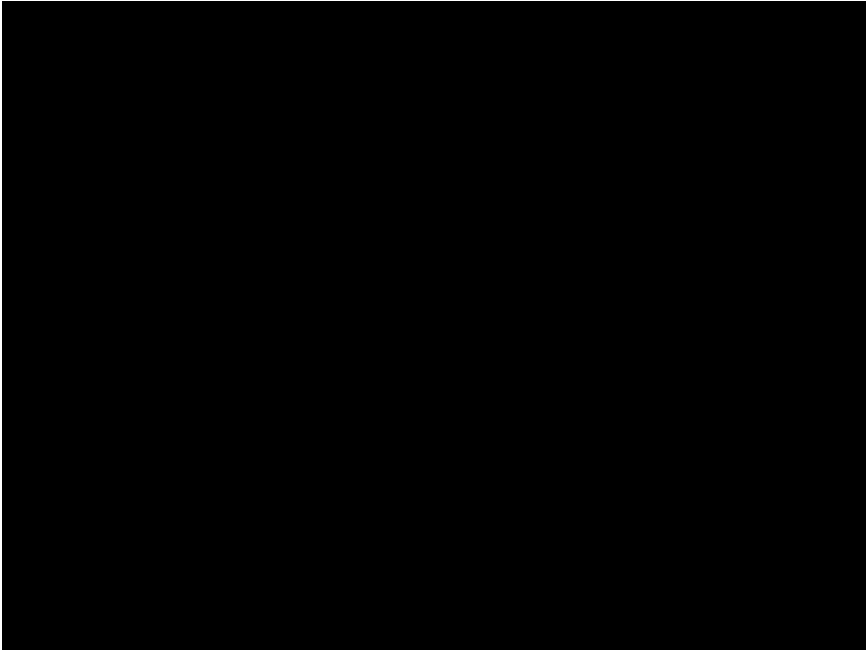
HELITORCH



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A helitorch is an aerial ignition device hung from a helicopter. On the Twin Hills prescribed fire it will be used to ignite and disperse lumps of flammable gel that will cling to the grass and sagebrush and ignite the dried piñon/juniper slash that have been stripped of needles, creating concentrations of heat that will spread fire through the area. The result of the ignition will be pockets of moderate to high intensity fire behavior that will burn the old wood and kill some piñon/juniper, leaving a mosaic, or patchwork, in the burned area.

Typical vegetation within the Twin Hills Prescribed Burn Area



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