

# INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

# FISHLAKE

## National Forest

### AT A GLANCE

The Fishlake manages about 1.8 million acres in central Utah. It was named after one of its most prominent features.

The Fishlake National Forest in central Utah features majestic stands of aspen and open mountain meadows lush with diverse grasses and wildflowers. Fish Lake, from which the Forest takes its name, is considered by many to be the gem of Utah. The largest natural mountain lake in the state, it offers trophy fishing and bird watching. Elk, deer, black bears, cougars, and moose can be found on the Forest, as well as wild turkeys and mountain goats.

The mountains of the Fishlake are an essential source of water for many of the neighboring communities and agricultural valleys in the region. Hunting, fishing, and OHV use are among the most popular forms of recreation enjoyed by visitors.

The Forest contains an aspen stand that is internationally famous because it is thought to be the largest organism ever found at nearly 13 million pounds. Called Pando, which is Latin for "I spread," the seemingly individual trees are actually genetically identical stems connected by a massive root system. Known as a clonal colony, Pando covers 106 acres and contains over 40,000 trees.

THE FOREST RECEIVES ABOUT  
**589 THOUSAND**  
VISITORS EACH YEAR



TOTAL ACRES ON  
THE FISHLAKE  
NATIONAL FOREST

**1.8 M**

### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **109** recreational sites
- **1,173** miles of non-motorized trails
- **656** miles of motorized trails
- **3,081** miles of open roads
- **4** scenic byways
- **127** recreational residences

### RANGER DISTRICTS

There are four ranger districts on the Fishlake: Beaver, Fillmore, Fremont River, and Richfield, which also houses the Supervisor's Office.

### FOCUS AREAS

The Forest has emphasis areas in recreation, range, and fire/fuels management and restoration. It is the portal to Sufco Mine, the longest continuously operating coal mine in Utah.



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### ▶ RECREATION

The Fishlake provides quality recreation experiences to visitors through well-maintained campground and picnic facilities, carefully marked trails, and good customer service.

The road and motorized trail systems and on the Forest are nationally recognized for ATV recreation. The Forest hosts the National ATV Jamboree on the Fillmore Ranger District, the Piute Trail Jamboree on the Beaver and Richfield Ranger Districts, and the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree Forest-wide.

### ▶ RANGE MANAGEMENT/GRAZING

Approximately 154,938 AUMs (animal unit months) of permitted livestock graze on the Fishlake: cattle (146,416), horses (130), and sheep (8,392). Permitted grazing numbers on the Forest have been stable since 1950. The Fishlake National Forest continues to work with grazing permit holders to provide a sound, sustainable program in line with the standards and guidelines of the Land and Resource Management Plan, while looking for ways to improve range conditions for present and future generations.

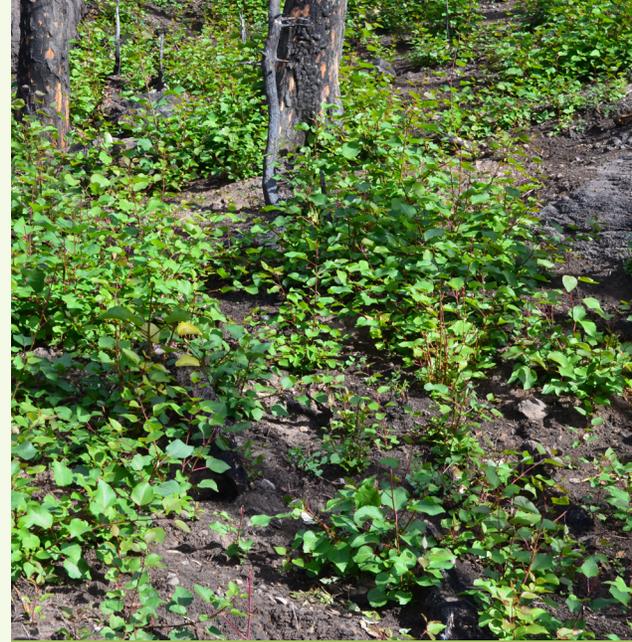
### ▶ FIRE/FUELS MANAGEMENT

The management of fire and fuels (flammable vegetation) is a focus area for the Fishlake. In 2016 the Forest treated 24,367 acres of fuels utilizing a combination of wildfire, prescribed (controlled) fire, and mechanical treatments (which use power and hand tools).

Fire suppression crews respond to a number of wildland fires annually. The number and size of the incidents differ depending on burning conditions on a year-by-year basis.

### ▶ RESTORATION

Healthy, resilient forest resources benefit people and wildlife, providing clean water and clear air. The Fishlake utilizes a variety of tools to implement restoration activities, including timber sales, thinning, prescribed fire, and mechanical fuels treatments. The Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystem Enhancement Project is an example that utilizes all of these methods. Through the use of the Good Neighbor Authority, the Fishlake and State of Utah are working cooperatively to increase the pace and scale of restoration work.



*Restoring aspen through fire.*

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*Livestock grazing is one of the multiple uses on the Fishlake.*