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FIRE PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE PONDEROSA PINE RESTORATION PROJECT

Salt Lake Utah, October 28, 2014 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire personnel plan to continue to implement the Ponderosa Pine Restoration Project prescribed burn, Wednesday October 29th-Friday, October 31st weather permitting. The plan is to burn approx. 450 acres within the 6 remaining burn units (shown on map).

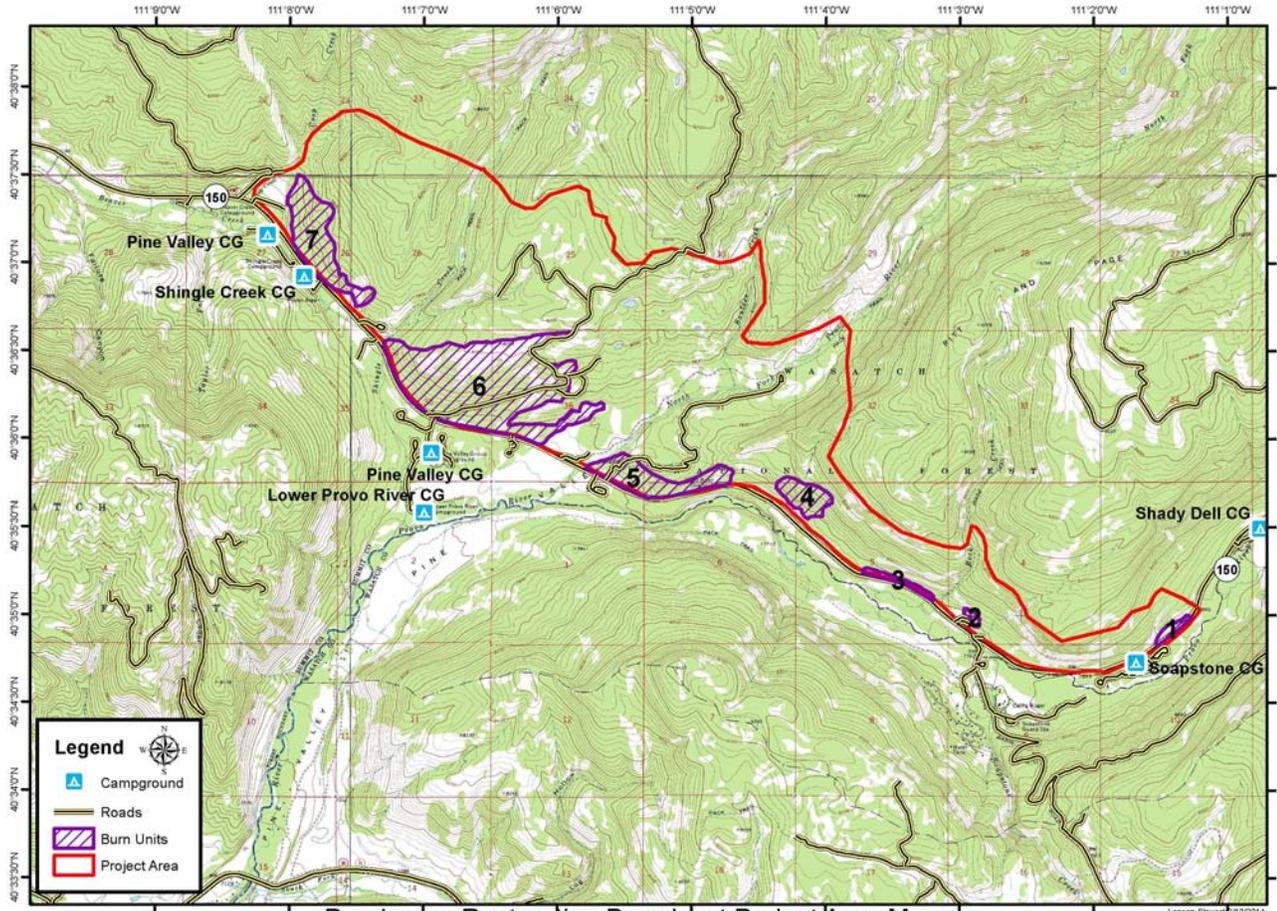
The Ponderosa Restoration project is located in Summit County, approximately 15 miles east of Kamas, Utah. The project area encompasses 3,900 acres along the upper Provo River on the north side of the Mirror lake Highway from Co-op Creek, on the west, to Rock Creek and Soapstone campground to the East, (see attached map). This is one of the few native ponderosa pine stands on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

The primary objectives of this project are to preserve the genetic diversity of ponderosa pine by reducing the thick understory of juniper, mountain brush, and lodgepole pine; reduce wildfire risk along the highway corridor; improve watershed condition; restore wildlife habitat; and improve scenic quality.

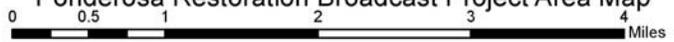
Smoke may temporarily impact visibility on the Mirror Lake Highway (SR150) and may drift towards populated areas. Firefighters will use only hand held drip torches to treat the area and will patrol and monitor the burn until weather conditions eliminate the need or the fire is declared out.

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Ponderosa Restoration Broadcast Project Area Map



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