

**Pebble Creek Ski Area  
Westside RD, Caribou-Targhee NF  
2008**

**Project Description:** Cutting and piling of dead and down trees and prescribed fire will be used over the next several years to treat approximately 300 acres of Mountain brush, Douglas fir, Sub-Alpine fir and Aspen located in the Pebble Creek Ski Area, permitted by the Westside Ranger District. The project will reduce the likelihood of wildfires that would seriously damage public and private lands in the Inkom area. The Pebble Creek Ski Area receives about 55,000 visitors a season. This is greatest concentration of visitors to a specific area on the District.



**Implementation Plan and Accomplishment to date:**

Implementation for the Pebble Creek Ski Area Project was to begin in the fall of 2008 for thinning under the timber overstory and then piling what was cut to be burned later. The piles would then be burned in the winter (before and after the ski season) to minimize impact and stress the residual trees. A broadcast burn was to be completed by trained Forest Service crews in the fall.

Due to the costs of fire suppression across the nation, the funding for this

project was pulled and reallocated to other priority areas. The Westside Ranger District and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest hope to get enough funds in fiscal year 2009 to implement this project.

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