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Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST TO IMPLEMENT PORTIONS OF THE PONDEROSA PINE RESTORATION PROJECT

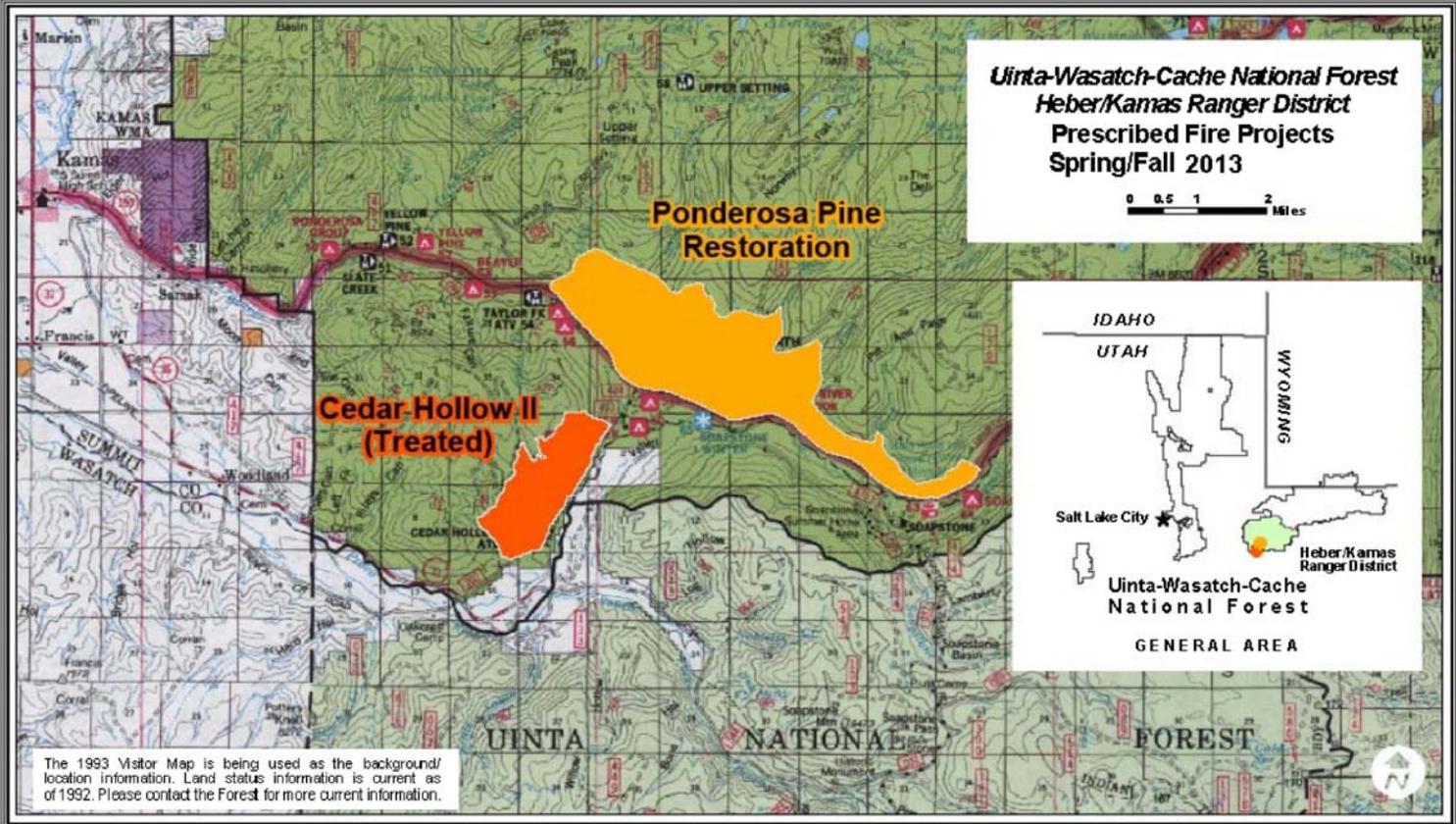
Salt Lake Utah, March 11, 2013 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire personnel are planning to implement portions of the Ponderosa Pine Restoration Project. Fire personnel will utilize prescribed fire to burn tree wells around Ponderosa Pine along the Mirror Lake Highway starting Wednesday, March 13, 2013. This portion of the project is approximately 300 acres. The tree wells will only be burned when surrounding vegetation is unable to support fire spread due to an absence of fuels, or fuels covered with snow.

Naturally occurring, relatively frequent low intensity fire, prior to fire suppression, structured these groves of ponderosa pine. The exclusion of naturally occurring fire has changed this structure to include a thick understory of juniper, mountain brush and lodgepole pine. The Ponderosa Restoration project is located in Summit County, approximately 10 miles east of Kamas, Utah. It 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 only 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; lessen the wildfire risk along the highway corridor; improve watershed condition; restore wildlife habitat; and improve the scenic quality.

Smoke may 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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Prescribed Fire Projects
Spring/Fall 2013

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

Ponderosa Pine Restoration

Cedar Hollow II (Treated)



The 1993 Visitor Map is being used as the background/ location information. Land status information is current as of 1992. Please contact the Forest for more current information.

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