

NEWS RELEASE



Manti-La Sal National Forest 599 West Price River Drive Price, UT 84501

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: June 29, 2009

Contact: Brandon Jensen
Phone: 435-636-3599

Jason Curry
801-703-0225

West Scofield Prescribed Burn Update

On Sunday, June 28, 2009, we moved ahead with the implementation of the West Scofield Prescribed Burn since weather conditions were favorable. On Monday, the burn will continue be ignited by helitorch (aerial ignition) and helicopter activity will last one day. The burn will continue until completed and is estimated to last two days; however, the residual smoke will be visible for up to 2 weeks. By burning under controlled conditions, effects of the fire can be managed.

The burn area is within the Fish Creek drainage located on the ridges west of Scofield Reservoir and will be implemented in conjunction with the Ferron/Price Ranger District of the Manti-LaSal National Forest and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The purpose of the burn is to improve aspen and mountain brush regeneration, by reducing mixed conifer that has encroached into the aspen stands. Prescribed fire is a proven tool used to accomplish a variety of resource benefits including improved wildlife habitat, vegetation regeneration, and hazardous fuels reduction and to support ecosystem diversity.

This burn is near an urban interface area west of Scofield Reservoir. This fuels treatment will reduce the intensity and severity of future fires that could have the potential of impacting structures and public safety.

Qualified fire personnel will burn in the designated area and will monitor the fire until it is completely extinguished.

During the execution of the burn, concern for public and firefighter safety makes it necessary to close the West Scofield Prescribed Burn area.

Cont'd

Roads and Trails affected by the Closure:

- **Fish Creek National Recreation Trail (Forest Service Trail (FST)No. 130)**
- **Beans Ridge Road (Forest Service Road (FSR)No. 220)**
- **Fish Creek, Little Bear Road (FSR No. 122)**
- **Gooseberry Silver Creek Trail (FST No. 169)**
- **C Canyon Trail (FST No.112)**
- **Fish Creek Campground**
- **Forest Service Road #221 from Beans Ridge Road to Granger Ridge**

If you need further information visit www.utahfireinfo.gov or please contact the Ferron Office at 435-384-2372.

##