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HEBER-KAMAS RANGER DISTRICT PLAN TO IMPLEMENT UPPER PROVO PRESCRIBED FIRE

Salt Lake City, Utah, September 7, 2018 – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire management personnel plan to implement the Upper Provo prescribed fire project, between September 11, 2018 and November 30, 2018. Ignitions will occur over a two or three day period during the above mentioned timeframe, in order to minimize smoke production.

The 6,007 acre burn area is located approximately 10 miles east of Kamas, Utah on the northeast side of the Mirror Lake Highway, between Norway Flats road on the east and the Upper Setting road on the west. (see attached map)

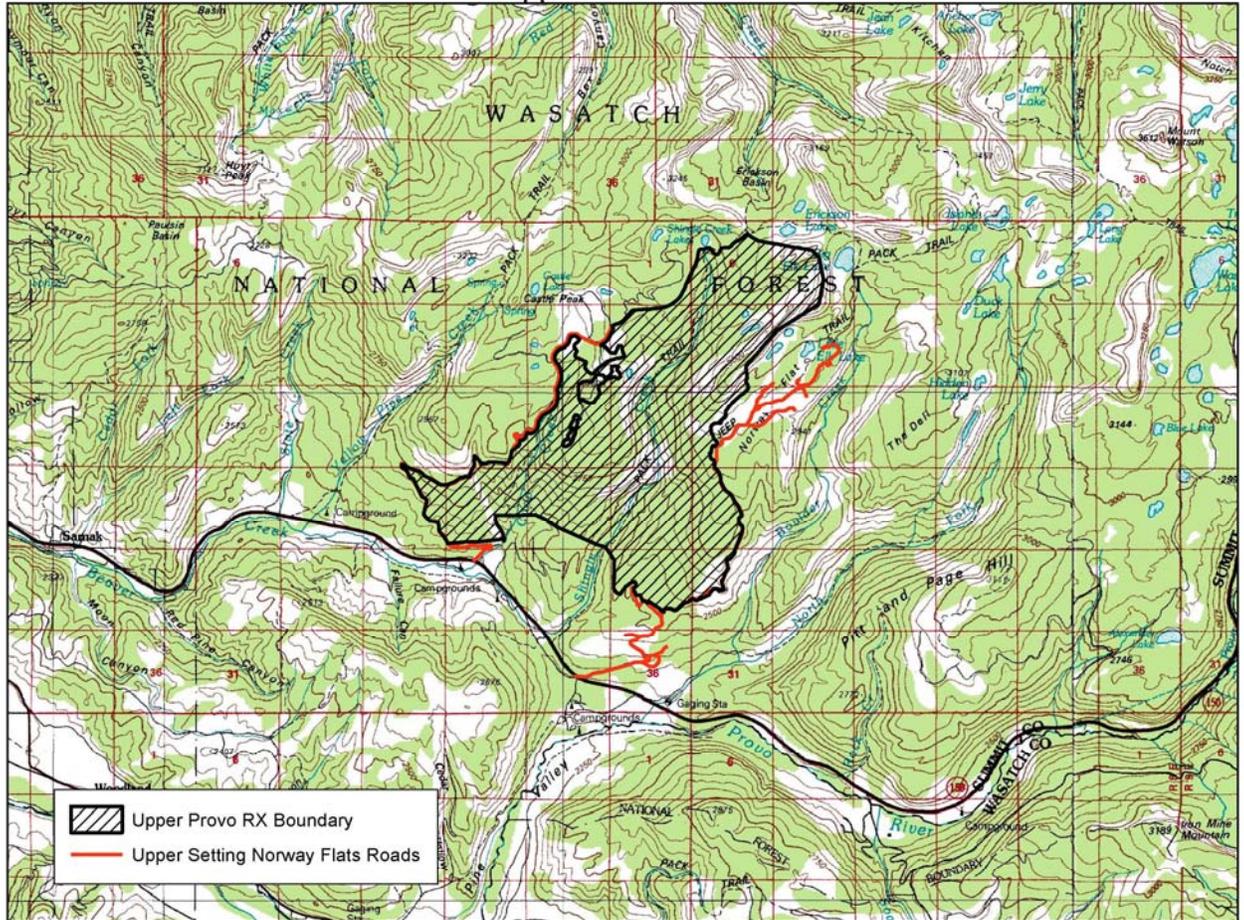
Primary objectives for the burn are to reduce the risk of uncharacteristically high severity wildfire through the reduction of hazardous fuels, to promote aspen regeneration, and to improve wildlife habitat and forest health.

The burn area, and Forest Service roads and trails will be temporarily closed on the day of the burn and possibly the day after for firefighter and public safety. Visitors should contact the Heber-Kamas Ranger District office (435) 654-0470, or the Kamas office, (435) 783-4338 to confirm when the prescribed fire will be implemented.

To meet resource and safety concerns, prescribed fires only occur when a specific set of conditions are met. These conditions include air, soil and vegetation moisture levels, temperatures, wind directions and speeds, smoke dispersal, and expected fire behavior. Prescribed fires will only be ignited when fuel moistures and weather conditions will allow smoke to dissipate or drift away from communities near the burn area.

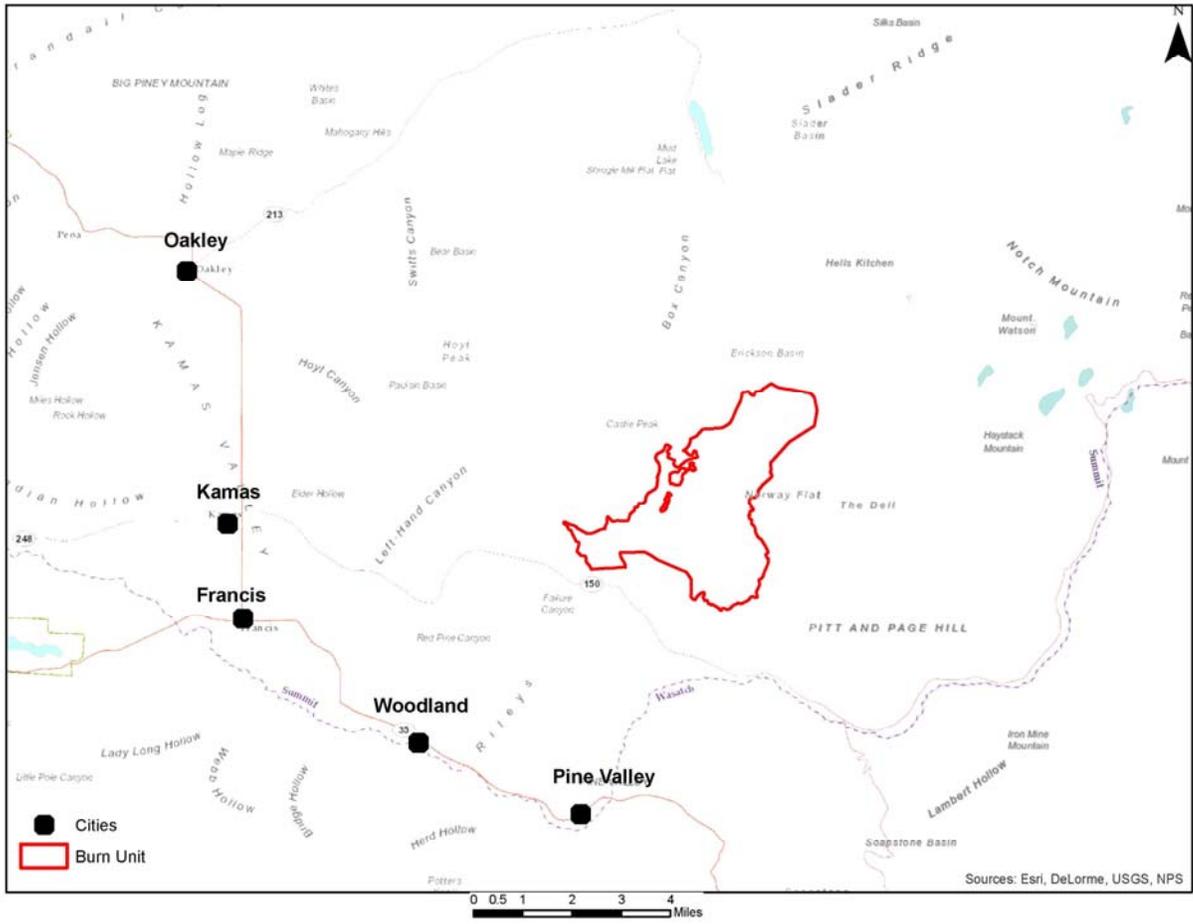
Qualified fire personnel will use a helicopter to ignite the fire. Engine and hand crews will monitor the fire area until it is completely extinguished. Smoke may also be visible and is expected to linger during evening and early morning hours.

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