

Beaver Mountain Prescribed Fire



Location : Beaver Mountain in the Bryan Flats Area

Planned: Fall 2014

Targeted Acres : 400

Bridger Teton fire managers are planning to complete the Beaver Mountain prescribed fire in the fall of 2014. Objectives for the 400-acre project include rejuvenating aspen and sagebrush fuels as part of the effort to increase defensible space within the community of Bryan Flats south of Hoback WY. The burn unit was first pretreated in the spring of 2013 when fire crews started operations by creating a fire break around the burn unit's perimeter to create a control line in lieu of the 2014 burn tactics for the interior of the unit. Interagency firefighters will burn approximately 200 acres of the 400 acre unit leaving a nice mosaic pattern on the landscape to meet resource objectives. Crews will apply fire using hand torches to create low intensity fire behavior and helicopter ignition devices for high intensity fire to break up the continuity of vegetative fuels. The ignition phase for the project is expected to take one or two days depending on the weather and fuels conditions. Smoke may impact the area briefly as the cool night and morning air often cause the smoke to sink in the canyon area and create an inversion. Motorists are reminded to travel with caution just as going through any low visibility area. No Trail closures will be in applied, however hazards exist within the vicinity of the burn area. The public is urged to watch for snags and falling trees, rolling rocks and debris, and residual smoke and flames if entering into the burn area after firing operations. For more information please call 307-739-5424.

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