



PINE VALLEY

FOREST SERVICE REGION

Intermountain

NATIONAL FOREST

Dixie National Forest

STATE

Utah

LANDSCAPE SIZE

402,000 acres

TRIBAL CONNECTIONS

Havasupai Tribe of the Havasupai Reservation; Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Reservation; Hopi Tribe of Arizona; Navajo Nation; Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation; Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar Band of Paiutes, Shivwits Band of Paiutes); Las Vegas Tribes of Paiute Indians of the Las Vegas Indian Colony; San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe of Arizona; Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians of the Kaibab Indian Reservation; Moapa Band of Paiute Indians

PARTNERS

Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; Utah Division of Wildlife Resources; Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative; Washington County; Iron County; Bureau of Land Management; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; utility companies

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

UT-2

EXPECTED COMPLETION OF INITIAL TREATMENTS

FYs 2023–26

EXPECTED FUNDING FY 2023

\$6,915,000

LANDSCAPE HIGHLIGHTS

The Pine Valley landscape is adjacent to St. George, UT, America's fastest growing metropolitan area. The landscape encompasses about 250,000 acres of National Forest System lands (63 percent of the total project area) and 150,000 acres (37 percent) of lands in private ownership or under stewardship by the State of Utah or the Bureau of Land Management. The landscape's low elevation and topography make it particularly susceptible to climate change and shifting fire patterns, creating an urgent need to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

MECHANISMS FOR EXECUTION

On the Dixie National Forest, we have well-established working relationships with Federal, State, local, and nongovernmental partners on projects to reduce wildfire risk across jurisdictional boundaries on the Pine Valley landscape. For the past 10 years, we have collaborated with Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative, which involves dozens of partners, in conducting vegetation treatments to reduce the exposure of infrastructure and natural resources to uncharacteristic wildfire. We have also carried out Shared Stewardship fuels projects in watersheds across the Pine Valley landscape and used Good Neighbor Authority for the past 15 years to complete key treatments. Through strong and lasting partnerships, we will use this investment to reduce wildfire exposure across the Pine Valley landscape.

ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

Our work with our partners on this landscape will reduce wildfire risk to St. George and adjacent communities, many in the wildland-urban interface. We will reduce wildfire risk to infrastructure, including national travel corridors and energy networks. We will protect watersheds and water quality. A major goal is to reduce risks to communities both during and after wildfires by restoring and maintaining healthy, fire-adapted landscapes.

Our goals also include treating 6,554 acres in FY 2023 and at least 43,500 acres over 7 to 10 years.

