## South Beaver Prescribed Fire Beaver Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest





## **Contact Information:**

Cory Norman
435-896-1074, samuel.norman@usda.gov
Trever Hunt
435-896-2331, trever.hunt@usda.gov
Waylon Chappell
435-896-1034, waylon.chappell@usda.gov

Planned Date: Spring/Fall 2024, 2025

## **Legal Description:**

Township 29S Range 6W Sections 20, 25-29, 33-36. Township 29S Range 5W Sections 19-21, 27-35. Township 30S Range 5W Sections 1, 3-12, 15-21, 28-32.

Township 30S Range 6W Sections 1-4, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36

**Location:** In the South Creek area, south of the town of Beaver. The project area boundary lines consist of the Southern Forest Boundary which is just south of the Beaver/Iron County line, north to Highway 153. The eastern edge is both the East Fork of Iant Creek as well as the Beaver/Piute County line with the western edge being the Forest/BLM boundary.

## **Project Description:**

The Beaver Ranger District plans to implement this prescribed fire project by continuing to burn approximately 1,000-3,000 acres. The total project will cover several years and several thousand acres but done incrementally.

The project objective is to reduce fuel loadings in this area. The area consists of a mixture of Gamble Oak, Mixed Conifer, Aspen, Pinyon/Juniper, and Sage fuel types all at different elevation levels. Fire exclusion over time in this area has left abundant dead and down fuels increasing the risk of a high severity wildfire. Other objectives fire managers have for the burn is to return fire to its natural role in the landscape to maintain a diverse mosaic pattern of vegetation, increase herbaceous forage production for wildlife, improve range habitat, create a timber stand replacement to a more natural and desired timber species type, as well as reduce the fuel loadings in the area.

Past prescribed burn projects with similar vegetation composition within the Fishlake National Forest have shown to improve the health and vigor of desirable vegetative species.



