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PILE BURNING PLANNED FOR UINTA-WASTCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST AREAS

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 6, 2012 - Weather permitting, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests, fire and fuels personnel plan to burn slash piles starting December 7, 2012. There are 21 pile burn areas located within the Logan, Ogden, Salt Lake and Evanston/Mt. View Ranger District. All 21 pile burn areas total approximately 500 acres and individually approximately 25 acres each. The primary objectives are to remove heavy wildland fuel accumulations, reduce the risk to the public from overhead hazards, and improve access for firefighting resources.

Recent snow will help prevent fire from spreading to vegetation outside the piles. During the pile burning, smoke maybe visible from portions of the Box Elder, Weber, Morgan, Cache, Rich, Davis, Salt Lake and Summit County areas. Fire personnel will monitor the piles to ensure burn objectives are met.

Thinning and pile burning are part of an ongoing effort to improve forest health. Burning returns important nutrients to the soil, completing fire's regenerative cycle. For more information, please call Kathy Jo Pollock at (801) 558-8016.

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