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Fishlake National Forest Begins Oak Creek Prescribed Fire Operations

Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work

(Loa, UT, October 7, 2026) — Fishlake National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations this Thursday, October 8. We estimate this work to continue through Saturday, October 10, as weather conditions allow. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

Prescribed fires planned for the area include:

- Fremont River Ranger District - East side of Boulder Mountain between Frisky Creek and Pleasant Creek above Highway 12 on FS administered lands.

Fire personnel will initially utilize hand ignitions (drip torches) on the 8th and then transition to aerial ignitions on the 9th and 10th, using helicopters with helitorchs to efficiently and safely meet prescribed fire objectives.

A closure order will be in effect for public safety. See attached map for details. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

The primary objective of this prescribed burn is to reduce hazardous fuel loads and protect communities from catastrophic wildfire by clearing dead and down debris accumulated since the previous treatment in the early 2000's. Additionally, this prescribed operation aims to revitalize the forest ecosystem by stimulating native plant growth and improving wildlife habitat structure.

Smoke may be visible from surrounding communities in Garfield and Wayne counties and is expected to be noticeable along Highway 12. For more detailed information about air quality, go to [AirNow](#) online or download the app. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

The National Weather Service is assisting with this prescribed burn. Weather conditions will be evaluated in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled. County emergency management officials will be notified when burning begins.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the [forest website](#). Forest-wide news, photos, and updates are also available by following Fishlake National Forest on Facebook at [U.S. Forest Service–Fishlake National Forest](#). For updates on prescribed fire activity and other wildfire information throughout Utah, follow [@UtahWildfire](#) on X (formerly Twitter) or visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](#).

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