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Ashley National Forest Prepares for Fall Prescribed Burning

Vernal, Utah … The Ashley National Forest is preparing for prescribed fires on the Vernal and Flaming Gorge Ranger Districts beginning on October 15th through the end of November.

Implementation of prescribed fire is dependent on the correct weather conditions. Currently there are two Prescribed Fire Plans pending implementation on the Vernal Ranger District. The first project area to meet the weather condition requirements will be implemented.

Project areas include:

- **Potholes:** Lies on the Vernal Ranger District, just north of the Diamond Mountain Rd, East of HWY 191, South of Bowden Draw, and West of the Forest boundary. This is approximately 27 miles north of Vernal, Utah. Prescription area will include the Limber Flag, Potholes and Limestone drainages. This Prescribed burn will benefit wildlife foraging habitat, reduce the potential for extreme wildland fire and re-introduce the role of fire into the ecosystem. Total treatment area is 6,000 acres.

- **Alma Taylor:** Lies on the Vernal Ranger District, approximately 15 miles north west of Vernal, Utah off Forest Service Road 018, in the Charleys Park area. Prescription plan is the removal of slash piles or like woody deposits. Total treatment area is 500 acres.

Currently there are two Prescribed Fire Plans pending implementation on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District. The first project area to meet the weather condition requirements will be implemented.

- **Little Elk / Honslinger:** There are two units in the Little Elk prescribed fire plans that are slated for broadcast burning this fall. The Young's Springs and Elk Park units lie on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District, just south of the Hwy 44 in the Deep creek area, East of Ute tower and Brownie Lake, north of Summit Park, and West of Little Elk Creek. This is approximately 10 miles South of Manila, Utah. The prescription area will include south of Forest road 539, east of the Little Elk drainage, and west of Forest road 628. This prescribed burn will benefit wildlife foraging habitat, reduce the potential for extreme wildland fire and re-introduce fire into the ecosystem. Total treatment area is approximately 2,800 acres.

- **North Flank:** Lies on the Flaming Gorge Ranger District, approximately 13 miles southeast of Manila, Utah off Forest Service Road 221 to Spirit Lake. The targeted units for this year of the North Flank units include the area just north of Long Park Lake. This Prescribed burn will benefit wildlife foraging habitat, reduce the potential for extreme wildland fire and re-introduce fire into the ecosystem. Total treatment area is 4,100 acres with approximately 1,500 targeted for this fiscal year.

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