



National Fire Plan

Bryants Fork Mechanical Treatment Project Heber Ranger District-Uinta National Forests, Utah

Recreation residents in the Bryants Fork area of the Heber Ranger District are pleased with a project that has reduced hazardous fuels adjacent to their residences. The Bryants Fork fuel break project was recently completed by Uinta National Forest fire personnel.

The project included constructing a shaded fuel break around the recreational residential area and clearing vegetation from a vacant lot. The fuel break utilized areas of aspen, which typically do not burn very hot, and an existing powerline right-of-way. A total of 92 acres was treated.

The Uinta National Forest fire personnel cut vegetation with chainsaws and piled it within the fuel break area. The slash piles will be burned this winter.

Much of the vegetation from the vacant lot was chipped. Homeowners were included in the coordination of the project and were soon motivated to clear vegetation and woodpiles from around their homes.



Treatment area after thinning

A shaded fuel break involves removing brush and small diameter trees, and cutting the lower branches and limbs from larger trees. This results in a fuel break that retains large trees, but removes some vegetation so that a surface fire can be stopped, or slowed. The Bryants Fork project is part of a five-year plan the Uinta National Forest is implementing to support the National Fire Plan and the President's Healthy Forest Initiative goals.