

National Fire Plan Hazardous Fuels Reduction Utah 2003



Pine Valley Fuels Reduction Project

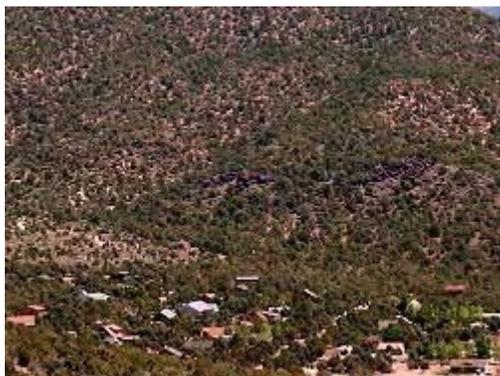
The Pine Valley Fuels Reduction Project on the Dixie National Forest has received national attention as an example of President Bush's initiative to protect homes and lives from wildfire. The Pine Valley Fuels Project is one of six projects cited by the Forest Service as examples of efforts to streamline project planning to reduce wildfire hazards.

The Pine Valley Fuels Project is intended to create fuel breaks on National Forest lands near the towns of Pine Valley and Central. The firefighting partners in the area, like the BLM, the State of Utah, and local fire departments, are working closely with the Forest on this effort. The project involves removing brush and trees on about 360 acres to widen spacing between trees, remove fuel on the ground, and remove lower limbs that carry fire into tree tops. In areas immediately adjacent to private land boundaries, pine, brush and juniper will be cut to a height of two feet or less. The cut material will be made available to the public for fuel wood before being burned or chipped, dependent on location and accessibility. Fuel wood will be available near Central where accessible.

The project will use procedures that reduce the need for lengthy documentation. These procedures are intended to expedite the planning process so that fuel reduction and forest restoration projects can be implemented quickly and at less cost. The decision was signed in August of 2003, and appeared in the local paper on August 14, 2003.



This is an example of fuels around a residence.



This photo displays current conditions in the area.



This is an example of what a completed fuel break will look like once complete.

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