

# NEWS RELEASE

## Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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### **FIRE PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE PONDEROSA PINE RESTORATION PROJECT**

Salt Lake Utah, March 18, 2015 –Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest fire personnel plan to implement the Ponderosa Pine Restoration Project prescribed burn, any time from Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April weather permitting. The plan is to burn 4 ½ units totaling approximately 300 acres this spring. Tree wells will only be burned when surrounding vegetation is unable to support fire spread due to an absence of fuels, or fuels covered with snow. In the fall of 2014 fire personnel successfully treated 5 ½ burn totaling approximately 600 acres.

The Ponderosa Pine Restoration Project is located in Summit County, approximately 15 miles east of Kamas, Utah. The project area encompasses 3,900 acres along the upper Provo River on the north side of the Mirror lake Highway from Co-op Creek, on the west, to Rock Creek and Soapstone campground to the east, (see attached map). This is one of the few native ponderosa pine stands on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

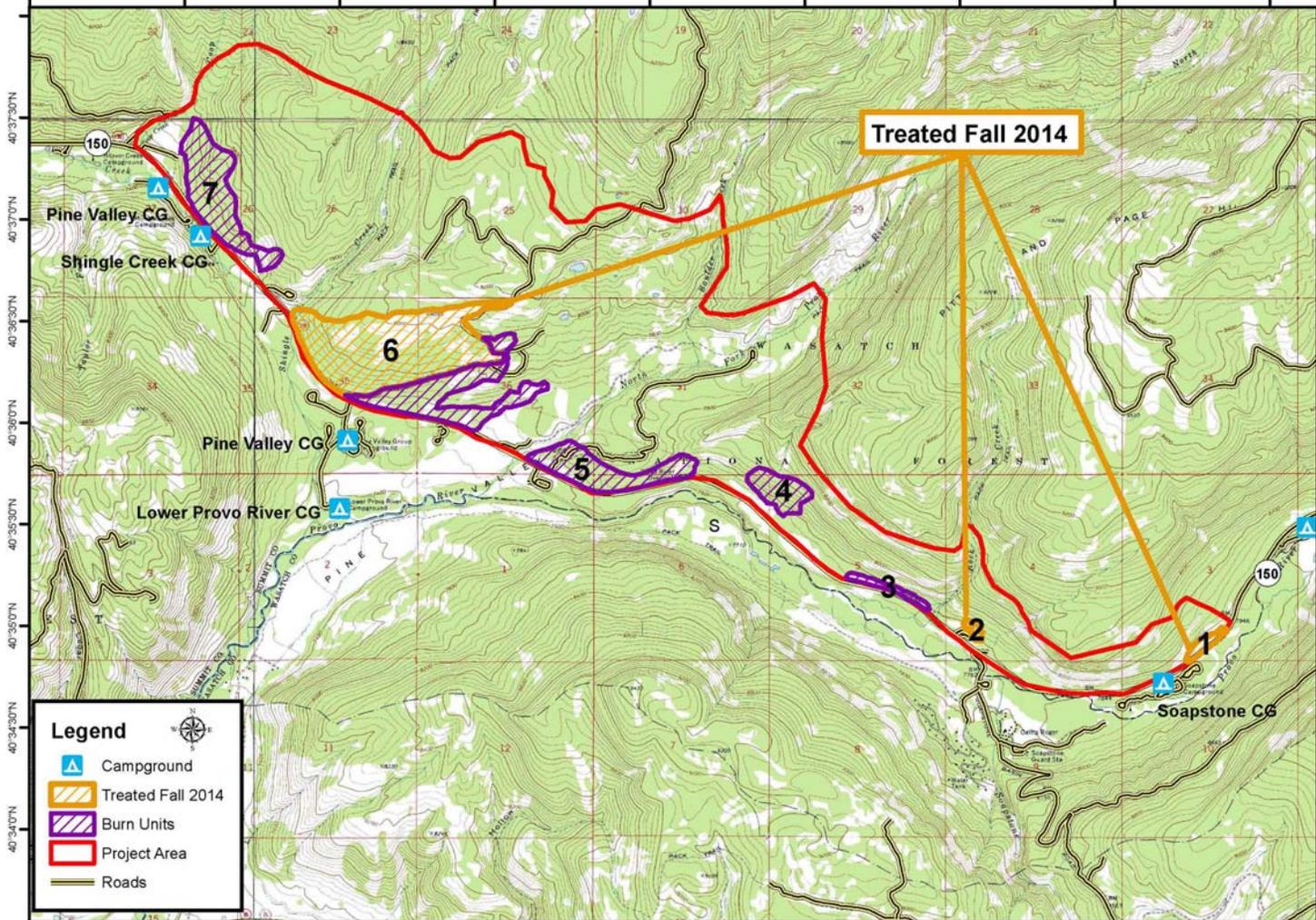
The primary objectives of this project are to preserve the genetic diversity of ponderosa pine by reducing the thick understory of juniper, mountain brush, and lodgepole pine; reduce wildfire risk along the highway corridor; improve watershed condition; restore wildlife habitat; and improve scenic quality.

Smoke may temporarily impact visibility on the Mirror Lake Highway (SR150) and may also drift towards populated areas. Firefighters will use only hand held drip torches to treat the area and will patrol and monitor the burn until weather conditions eliminate the need to do so, or the fire is declared out.

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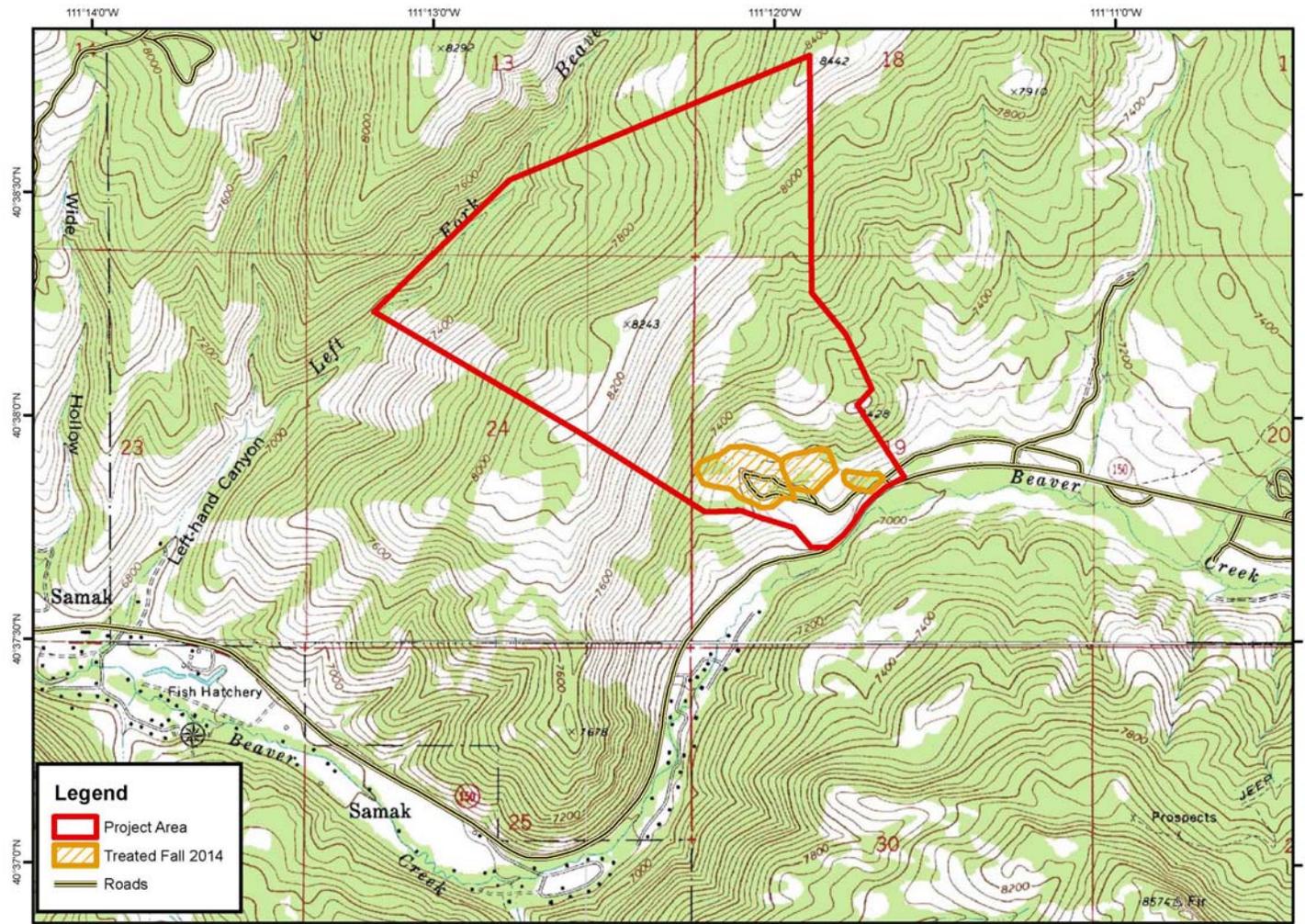
Treated Fall 2014

**Legend**

- Campground
- Treated Fall 2014
- Burn Units
- Project Area
- Roads

Ponderosa Restoration Prescribed Fire Project

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