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**Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest**  
**Salt Lake Ranger District**  
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**Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest To Begin Pile Burning**

Salt Lake City, Utah, December 1, 2008 - Fire Managers with the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest announce the beginning of pile burning on the Salt Lake Ranger District on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Personnel will burn slash piles resulting from earlier thinning of approximately 88 acres of oak brush in the Davis Creek area as a continuation of the Davis County Fuels Treatment Project.

Our pile burning is dependent on Utah Department of Environmental Quality approval and particular weather conditions. We understand that smoke created while we accomplish our prescribed burning projects impacts people in our community. We strive to keep community members, particularly those with sensitivities to smoke, informed of our plans and activities. We appreciate your tolerance to some smoke now in order to reduce the threat of future large fires in the area.

The piles will be patrolled daily by forest fire crews to monitor spread. Smoke may be present for several days after ignition. Prescribed burns are used to reduce excess fuels on the forest floor and produce healthier habitats. These treatments are an important step in reducing hazardous fuels near communities at risk and to help reduce the chances of having future catastrophic wildfires along the Wasatch Front in Davis County.

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