

**USDA Forest Service in Montana
Thompson Falls Administrative Site
Prescribed Fire**

The Thompson Falls Administrative Site is a 320-acre National Forest land parcel north of the town of Thompson Falls. In March, Forest Service crews under-burned a 43-acre wildland area on the southwest side of the administrative site. The objective was to maintain an old-growth ponderosa pine stand by using fire to reduce accumulated ground and ladder fuels, top-kill big game browse species (fire regenerates new sprouts that are more palatable to elk and deer), and prune the residual stand.

The burn unit was within 50 feet of houses on the south and west flanks, a Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office 100 feet off the east flank, and numerous houses and downtown Thompson Falls a quarter mile to the north. The project lies within the Thompson Falls Impact zone for air quality.

Project area soon after the burning was completed.

