

Dry Fork Prescribed Burn 2009



SG County and FS Fire Personnel



Night Operations



Aerial Ignition



Ground Ignition

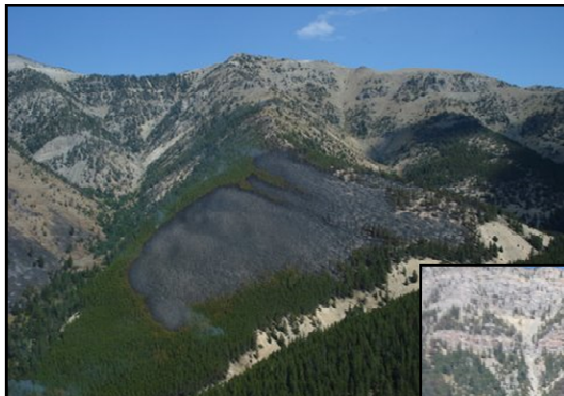
With the help of fire personnel from all over the Forest and other agencies, the East Zone Fire Management organization implemented a prescribed burn on the Big Timber Ranger District. The burn was a 2,300 acre unit in the Dry Fork of the East Boulder drainage. The East Boulder Mine and other private landowners in the drainage will benefit from the fuels reduction as a result of the burn.

On September 16th, fire personnel from all districts of the Gallatin, the Forest helitack crew and helicopter, and Forest overhead personnel were joined by fire personnel from Yellowstone National Park, the BLM, and the Sweet Grass County Volunteer Fire Department to implement the burn. Winds were not favorable for ignition early that day, so ignition did not begin until late in the day. Ignition continued early on Thursday, the 17th, with more favorable weather conditions. Ignition continued on Friday, the 18th, and was completed late that evening. Most of the perimeter of the unit was lit by firefighters with drip-torches and supported with the engines, while most of the interior of the unit was lit using aerial ignition and the PSD, or plastic sphere dispenser.

The burn is a big achievement for the East Zone fire program. It was completed safely, with no accidents or injuries, and the objectives of the burn were met.

This project took a great amount of planning and coordination of resources by fire managers, especially burn boss Greg Juvan. Public information and notifications, spearheaded by Karen Tuscano, are also a very large part of the success of the burning program. Public support for this burn and the burns completed this spring in the Main Boulder drainage is a big step forward for the East Zone fire program.

A big "Thank You" goes out to all who helped implement the burn, and also to those who helped in the planning process of this project!



After the Burn

