



## East Entrance Prescribed Fire

*To continue the park's boundary protection burns, a prescribed fire is planned to protect private structures and property from wildfires that originate within the boundaries of Zion National Park.*

### Objectives

The goals of this project are to reduce hazardous fuels along the park boundary to help support community protection, invigorate growth of sagebrush and to control invasive plant species within the park.

### Size

Approximately 300 acres.

### Locations

Along the park boundary and Highway 9, near the east entrance of the park (see map).

### When

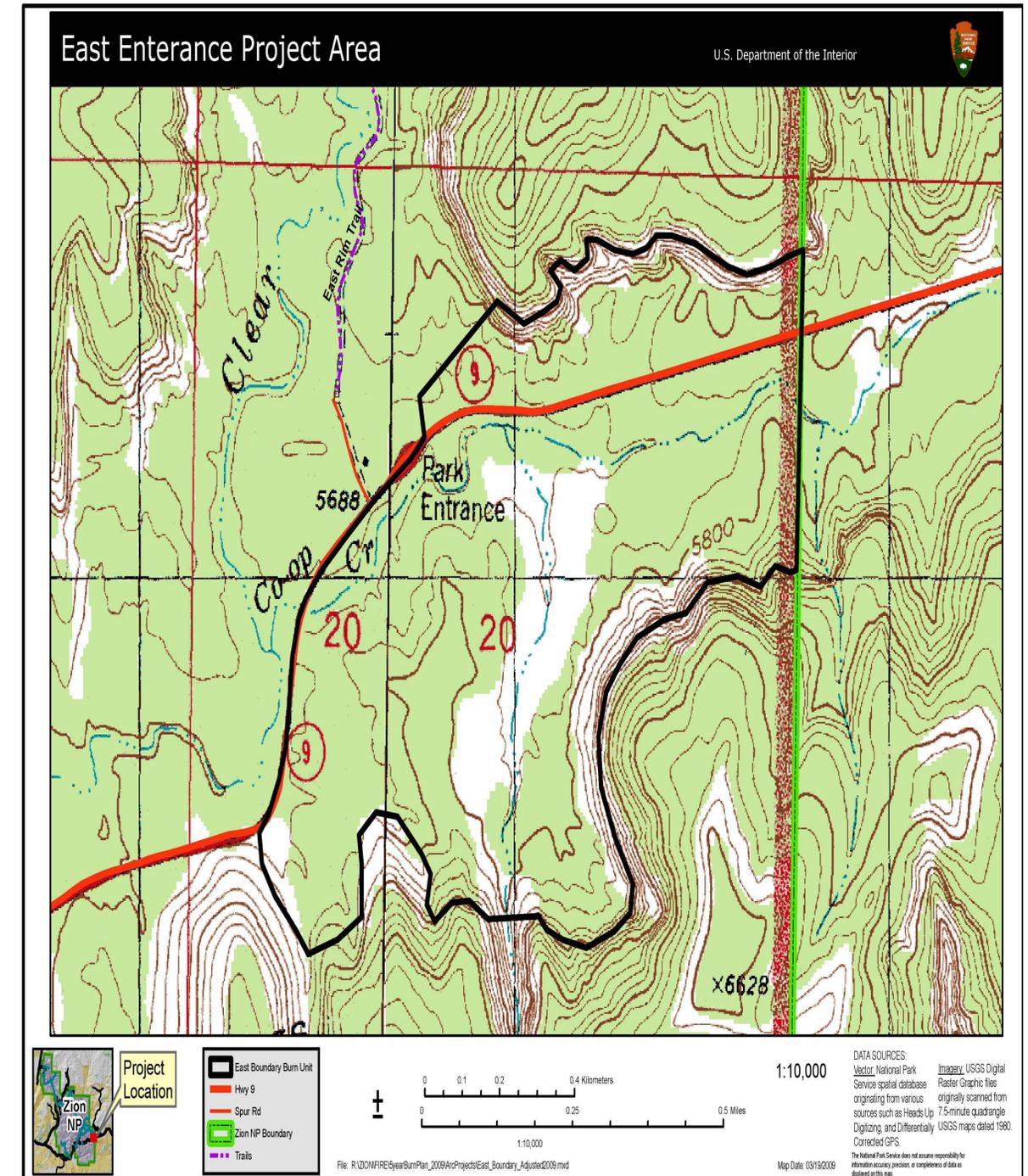
Spring of 2009 (when weather and fuel conditions permit).

### Method

The burn unit will be hand ignited with the use of drip torches and only done so if the weather conditions and smoke dispersal projections are within the preestablished parameters. Sufficient personnel will be on hand to contain the burn to its predefined unit. The fires will be closely monitored until it is declared out. Pre-ignition plots will be established within the burn units to measure effectiveness through time.

### Short-Term Impacts

Possible smoky conditions along Highway 9 and the park's east entrance. There may also be short-term delays (10-15 minutes) as burning is conducted along the road or smoke obscures roadway visibility. No trail closures are expected from this burn.



For more information on Fire Management in Zion: 435-772-3256.