



Lava Point Prescribed Fire (Rx)

The lack of natural fire in Zion (due mainly to past land management policies) has contributed to high fuel loadings and a change in forest structure. Prescribed fire is a management tool used to restore forest health and reduce risks from future wildfires.

Objectives

The reduction of hazardous fuels in the Lava Point area and to encourage aspen regeneration. This in turn will also reduce the risk to adjacent private lands and structures from wildfire. As always, safety is the number one consideration when conducting any prescribed fire.

Size

150 acres.

Location (see map at right)

Lava Point; 20 miles north of Virgin, Utah, along the northern boundary of Zion National Park.

When

Ignition is planned for **late September 2009** (specific time is dependent on favorable weather conditions and availability of resources). Residents and property owners will be advised as soon as possible before ignition.

Method

The project will begin with a blacklinning operation along the burn unit boundary followed hand ignition of the interior of the unit. Firefighters and engines will be stationed along the park boundary for protection. Water holding tanks and hose lays may be utilized if needed. The fire will be closely monitored until it is declared out.

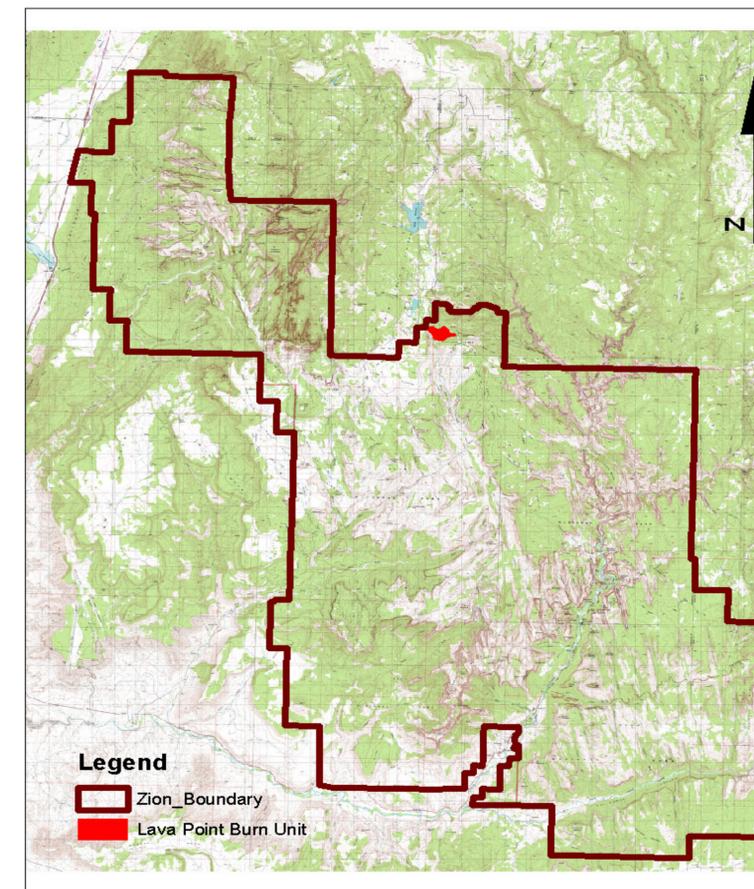
Resources

A total of 45+ interagency firefighters, numerous fire engines and a water tanker. A helicopter will also be available if needed.

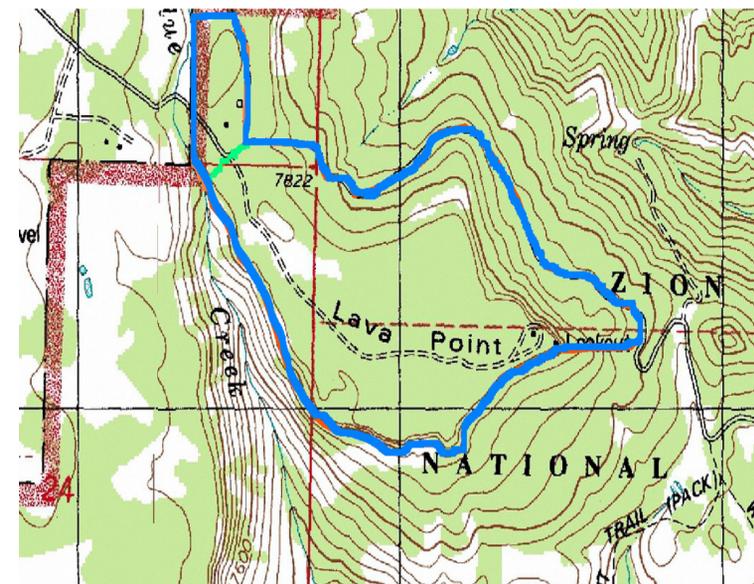
Short-Term Impacts

Possible smoky conditions for 2-3 days. Temporary closure of the entire Lava Point area, including the viewpoint, campground and West Rim Trailhead Road.

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



Lava Point Prescribed Fire Vicinity Map



Lava Point Prescribed Fire Area Map