

Forest management and wildfires - Questions from Advisory Board Members

How many trees per acre is a healthy forest according to the FS?

What is the average tree count per acre in Big Cottonwood?

How did the Forest Service choose the Spruces and Donut Falls areas for tree thinning?

How many trees per acre before tree thinning?

How many trees per acre after tree thinning?

Is there any lumber value with the cut trees? Why? What?

What is the cost per acre for the tree thinning on Forest Service land?

Does tree thinning occur only on Forest Service land?

Is tree thinning occurring on Salt Lake City-owned property?

Are private landowners encouraged to participate in thinning trees on their property?

If yes, which private landowners participate in tree thinning on private property?

What are private landowners' participation terms and conditions for tree thinning?

Does Salt Lake County FCOZ Ordinance (Section 110) prevent strategic tree thinning? Do you think the ordinance needs to be revisited and or amended?

<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/247339.pdf>

Have citations been issued against private landowners for clearing dead and down trees? If yes, where and to whom?

What are the different methods of tree thinning?

What hydrology testing occurs on lands where trees have been thinned? Ski resorts where runs have been cleared of trees? What are the results?

Who has jurisdiction over forest management and forest health in the Cottonwood Canyons?

What are their qualifications?

What is Unified Fire's role in wildfire dangers in the Cottonwood Canyons?

What County ordinances or plans exist for forest health and wildfire danger?

What is Unified Fire, the Town of Brighton, Salt Lake County, and others doing regarding defensible spaces for homes and cabins in the Wasatch Canyon?

What is the status and safety of power lines in subdivisions in the Cottonwood Canyons?

What are the top states in the western US with the highest wildfire risk to homes?

What county in Utah has the highest wildfire risk to homes?

Are insurance companies canceling home fire insurance in the Wasatch?

Are Utahns paying more for wildfire insurance?

Please provide a fire hydrant map for Big and Little Cottonwood

How many acres and trees has Natural Resources cleared and cut down with their Watershed Restoration Initiative?

How many acres has the Watershed Restoration Initiative treated in the Cottonwood Canyons?

Could you provide accurate fire hydrant test data from Unified Fire, Town of Brighton, Steve McIntosh, Division of Drinking Water?

What is the water storage and pressure at the Brighton Fire Station?

Is there adequate water storage and pressure at Pinetree to fight fires? (include Division of Drinking Water)