

Winter 2012 Box Elder Fuels Projects

The BLM is conducting two broad-scale projects to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels and enhance wildlife habitat in northwestern Box Elder County this winter. A mechanical shredder (Bullhog) will be used to thin trees within thick areas of juniper, with islands of mature trees and wildlife corridors remaining undisturbed. The goal is to protect critical mule deer winter range by reducing encroaching juniper and creating fire breaks within sagebrush habitat. Benefits will include increased forage for wildlife and livestock, and a change in fuel type allowing safer and easier fire suppression. Funding for the projects is coming through the Watershed Restoration Initiative, a partnership with several groups contributing money: The Ruby Pipeline Mitigation fund, the Healthy Lands Initiative, BLM wildlife and BLM fuels funds.



Area completed in January



The bullhog on site



Completed project in Tooele County