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The Red Wash Hazardous Fuels Reduction project area is approximately 12 miles northeast of Vernal, Utah. Red Wash Creek is the small tributary northwest and parallel to Chicken Coop Draw; these intermittent drainages flow southwest into Little Brush Creek. There are approximately 6 permanent residences within 1.5 miles of the project area.

The proposed project is needed because of the increase of pinyon pine and Utah juniper trees; thus, increasing the risk of wildfires entering or leaving adjacent private property. An additional goal is to maintain important sagebrush habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

The objective of the Red Wash Hazardous Fuel Reduction project is to modify the vegetation for the following:

- Reduce the buildup of hazardous fuels by removing pinyon pine and Utah juniper.
- Reduce the risk of large fire events.
- Maintain important sagebrush habitat for a variety of keystone species.
- Establish stable plant communities in sagebrush communities.
- Reduce the risk of soil erosion.
- Maintain natural fire return intervals.

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