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## *BLM to Burn Slash Piles Near Cedar Highlands*

Cedar City, Utah- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District is working to reduce the risk of potentially catastrophic wildfire to the community of Cedar Highlands located in Iron County, Utah. Agency fire personnel will burn approximately 30 acres of federal land to complete hazardous fuels reduction work and remove slash piles from mechanical thinning efforts conducted in previous summers. The burn will complete Phase III of the fuel break located just downhill and west of the subdivision. Fire crews will be using hand ignition techniques to ignite the fire as favorable weather conditions permit throughout the spring of 2012.

These common treatments will provide hazardous vegetation breaks to communities bordering federal lands and will provide firefighters with an opportunity to make a stand in the event of a wildfire. Ignition operations may be postponed or canceled due to unfavorable weather conditions and/or lack of firefighting personnel. Smoke will be visible from Interstate 15 and all major road systems surrounding Cedar City. No road closures will be implemented due to the location of the project site.

Prescribed fire projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans. Smoke may be present for several days after ignition takes place and could potentially reduce visibility along public use roads near the subdivision.

For additional prescribed fire information please visit website [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

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