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It's all about the LOCATION!

Location and timing are the key elements when it comes to wildfires and land treatment designed to protect values at risk. The Vernal Field Office BLM had identified the need to reduce hazardous fuel loadings on its administered lands in and around the community of Dry Fork which is located 7 miles northeast of Vernal Utah. Four treatments (totaling 2566 acres) were identified and initiated to address the fire potential concerns. During that fall and the next summer the area had four wildfire starts that occurred within or adjacent to the fuels reduction treatments. A total of 886 acres were burned in which 457 acres impacted the treatments. The treatments lowered the fire intensity allowing county, state and federal fire suppression resources to effectively protect 6 homes.



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