

## **SALT LAKE FIELD OFFICE PARTNERS-UP FOR WILDLAND FIRE**

The fuels program of the Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office shares common goals with other agencies and organizations within Utah: to enhance personal safety and reduce loss of life while preserving and enhancing the health of our rangelands.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR), Central Region joined the BLM/SLFO fuels program on a field trip to Skull Valley in December, identifying objectives from each agency's perspective for a proposed wildland urban interface project. Wildlife biologists were enthusiastic to see results from a recent juniper thinning treatment in the area. By the end of the field trip the DWR Central Region habitat manager and wildlife biologists agreed upon the importance of fuel reduction in the area and expressed interest in assisting in the development of the Iosepa wildland urban interface project.

**“The importance of working with state wildlife agencies cannot be over-emphasized,” BLM Director Kathleen Clarke recently noted.**

The BLM/SLFO looks forward to working with the Central Region DWR on the Iosepa wildland urban interface project. Future plans include involving even more partners as this dynamic fuels program plan grows. Prospective partners include the local landowners and land users who will be encouraged to mitigate fire hazards on private property surrounding public land further enhancing any implemented fuels project. We are exploring the possibility of grant money to assist with the purchase of seed, and requesting volunteers from local scouting groups to help spread the seed.

If you are interested in learning more about fuels projects happening around Utah visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).  
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