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## **Prescribed Burns Planned near Scipio** *Springtime provides opportunities for planned prescribed burns*

**Fillmore, Utah** – The Fillmore Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing for two separate prescribed burns. The Low Hills project is located approximately 6 miles north of Scipio in both Juab and Millard Counties. The Grabalt project is located 2 miles southwest of Scipio. BLM fire managers are planning to burn juniper and pinyon trees with sagebrush and blue bunch wheatgrass. Ignition of the projects will begin on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. The treatment objective is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and to reseed the project area which would also have secondary impacts that may improve the area for wildlife and livestock.

The Low Hills Vegetation Treatment is in a project area of 650 acres, and is part of the North Scipio Grazing Allotment.

The Grabalt project, a joint burn between the BLM and Fishlake National Forest, consists of 2100 acres. This fall the BLM and FS were able to complete 700 acres of the project.

Generally, there are only two “windows of opportunity” per year, spring and fall, when the fuels, vegetation, and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. Although, every effort is made to conduct prescribed fires so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere, some communities and residents may be affected for short periods of time.

The prescribed fire will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, Department of Air Quality Regulations and other factors can be safely met.

For further information about this project and other fuel projects that the BLM and the Forest Service are working on, please visit us at [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

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