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BLM Prescribed Burn Plans for Summer 2009 Tooele County

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Fire officials at the West Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management are planning two prescribed burns in Tooele County the week of June 22, 2009. Recent wet weather combined with the forecast of a warming and drying trend will allow a low to moderate intensity burn to achieve the desired burning objectives. West Desert fire officials have been planning these burns for months to ensure for a safe, well-executed burn using local data, professional experience and technology.

Big Hollow Bullhog Chip Burn

Location: Big Hollow and Clover Creek areas

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2009, weather permitting

Acreage: 102

Time Period: One day burn

Objectives: The primary objective of this burn is to determine the fire behavior and fire effects of burning by-product woodchips of varying age-classes and in various seasons. In addition, we want to reduce the existing wildland fire hazard, thus reducing potential negative effects from future wildland fire to both agency and adjacent private lands while restoring fire-adaptive ecosystems.

Research Plot Burn

Location: Southern Skull Valley

When: Thursday, June 25, 2009, weather permitting

Acreage: .08, a 60'x60' plot

Time Period: One day burn

Objectives: The goal of this burn is to burn off a 60'x60' plot for researchers studying a fungus in cheatgrass.

For more information about prescribed fires in Utah look on www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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