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BLM Prescribed Burn Plans for winter 2009-2010 Tooele County

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Salt Lake City, Utah—To reduce wildland fire danger on BLM lands in southern Tooele County, Bureau of Land Management West Desert District Fire Zone managers plan to burn piles of juniper clippings on Dec. 6, 2009, weather permitting.

The primary goal of the project is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the community of Rush Valley by breaking up the continuity of the juniper woodland. Fire managers have performed similar treatments during the last eight years. Observations from prior treatments have exhibited secondary success by improving wildlife habitat through an increase in herbaceous vegetation, formerly crowded out by the dense juniper.

A total of 128 acres of piles are targeted to burn this season in the Big Hollow area. Fire crews will monitor burn piles following ignition days.

Big Hollow Pile Burn

Location: Big Hollow, Tooele County, west of the town of Rush Valley.

When: winter 2009-2010, possibly December 6, 2009

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