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## *Beaver Wash Prescribed Fire*

The Henry Mountains Field Station of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District plans to start ignition on a 60 acre Prescribed Fire during the period of September 7-11, 2010. The exact date of ignition will depend upon favorable weather conditions and the availability of adequate firefighting resources. This prescribed fire is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Hanksville, in the bottom of Beaver Wash in Wayne County, Utah

The Beaver Wash project has been identified to reduce the standing dead tamarisk which is non-native vegetation currently creating increased fuel loading. An increased wildfire hazard is occurring due to herbicide killing tamarisk which has left the standing dead fuel available to burn.

Due to the increase fire hazard of dead and dying herbicide-treated vegetation, the Richfield Field Office is creating a fuel break in riparian corridors to prevent the spread of invasive non-natives and catastrophic wildfire, along with protecting public and firefighter safety. This fuel break involves the complete removal of dead tamarisk through prescribed fire.

Short-term impacts will be possible, with smoky conditions in and around the burn area. Forecasted weather conditions should provide good smoke dispersal, but there is potential for it to settle into the wash during the night.

Prescribed fire projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans.

For more information about this project and other prescribed fire projects, please visit [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov).

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