



## Flat Top/Steve's Basin Mechanical Thinning and Prescribed Fire

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**Planned Date:** Flat Top Prescribed Fire - Late Winter - 2016 Season  
Steve's Basin Mechanical thinning – summer – 2016  
Steve's Basin Prescribed Fire - Late Winter - 2017 Season

**Location:** Flat Top / Steve's Basin

### Legal Description:

Township 22 South, Range 1 East, Sections 5-8 and 31-32  
Township 21 South, Range 1 East, Sections 23-27,  
Township 22 South, Range 2 East, Sections 18-19, 30,

**Lat/Long:** Flat Top N 38° 49.709' x W 111° 49.447'  
Steve's Basin N 38° 57.246' W 111° 43.311'

**Project Description:** The Flat Top/ Steve's Basin Mechanical Thinning and Prescribed Fire Project is maintenance project located near Flat Top and within Steve's Basin,

### Actions:

- Burn cut slash activity fuels within previously mechanically thinned areas near Flat Top.
- Mechanically hand thin pinyon/juniper within the Steve's Basin area.

### Purpose and Need:

- Reduce Hazardous Fuels
- Create more desirable habitat for wildlife species dependent on the various ecosystems in the area.
- Maintain previous chained mechanically treated areas.



To accomplish the desired condition, prescribed fire will be implemented within 277 acres of cut and cured pinyon/juniper slash burning individual cut trees while minimizing spread within the sagebrush grasses and forbs. Hand thinning of pinyon/juniper will occur within 904 acres. The activity fuels will be left to dry and cure for further prescribed fire the following winter of 2017.