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Prescribed Burn Planned for Millard County

“Springtime provides opportunities for planned prescribed burns”

Fillmore, Utah—Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fillmore Field Office personnel are preparing to implement the Valley Mountain Prescribed Burn Project from **April 23 through June 1**. This project will only be implemented within parameters that meet specific management objectives; these parameters include but are not limited to temperature, wind speed, soil moisture, fuel moisture and air quality. The fuel project will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations (smoke issues), and the approved fire plan.

The Valley Mountain Prescribed Burn Project which covers approximately 640 acres of BLM land is located in Millard County, three miles east of Scipio. In 2009, the Pinion and Juniper vegetation in several different areas of this project was previously treated by fuel personnel using hand-thinning methods.

The primary objective of this project is to reduce the existing wildland fire hazard. This would reduce potential negative effects from future catastrophic wildland fire to life, resources, private property and BLM-administered lands while restoring fire-adaptive ecosystems. Other objectives of this project will also benefit wildlife and the range ecosystem by restoring previous grasses, forbs, and browse species.

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.

For further information and links about prescribed fire, wildland fire and reducing wildfire risks to your property, visit <http://www.utahfireinfo.gov> or follow us on Twitter [@BLMUtah](https://twitter.com/BLMUtah). You may also contact Fritz Mueller, Fuels Project Lead by phone at 435-743-3111.

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