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BLM to Conduct Prescribed Fire Near Dammeron Valley

Effort will reduce wildfire risk to Dammeron Residents

Cedar City, Utah—In December through January, fire personnel from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Utah's Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands will burn multiple slash piles near Dammeron Valley in Washington County. Fire crews will use hand ignition techniques to ignite the piles following snow or when appropriate weather conditions for prescribed fire exist.

Once burning begins, smoke will be visible from Highway 18, as well as all major road systems surrounding Dammeron Valley. Smoke may be remain for several days after ignition takes place and can reduce visibility along roads near the project site. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling in areas near prescribed fire activity. No road closures will be implemented for this prescribed burn.

Slash piles are accumulations of tree limbs, leaves, pine needles and other woody materials that are created naturally or by forest management activities like thinning and pruning. Burning slash piles reduce wildfire risk and will also complete the fuel break located just west of the community. A fuel break is a gap in vegetation or other combustible material that can act as a barrier to slow or stop the progress of a wildfire.

Federal and state partnership efforts like this one are lessening wildfire risk in communities throughout Utah by creating fuel breaks and reducing hazardous fuels near homes. Prescribed fire projects are consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans.

Additional prescribed fire information is available online at: www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In fiscal year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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