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Rangeland Restoration Project Planned for Three Peaks

Efforts will provide community fire protection for Iron County residents

CEDAR CITY, UTAH—Beginning in late December, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-Utah, Color Country District will begin a rangeland restoration project on public land in Iron County. The project area is approximately 100 acres, located west of Cedar City, in the Three Peaks Recreation Area, and west of the Cedar Valley Estates Subdivision.

Land managers designed this project to provide community wildfire protection (**see 10-year fire occurrence map attached**), protect recreation opportunities and facilities in Three Peaks, and improve watershed conditions. “By removing encroaching pinyon and juniper trees, favorable shrubs and grasses will return to the site, increasing rangeland productivity,” said BLM Natural Resource Specialist Melanie Mendenhall. She also said the treatment’s primary objective is to “open and expand existing pockets of understory vegetation using mechanical equipment.” The project is scheduled to be completed by March 1, 2016.

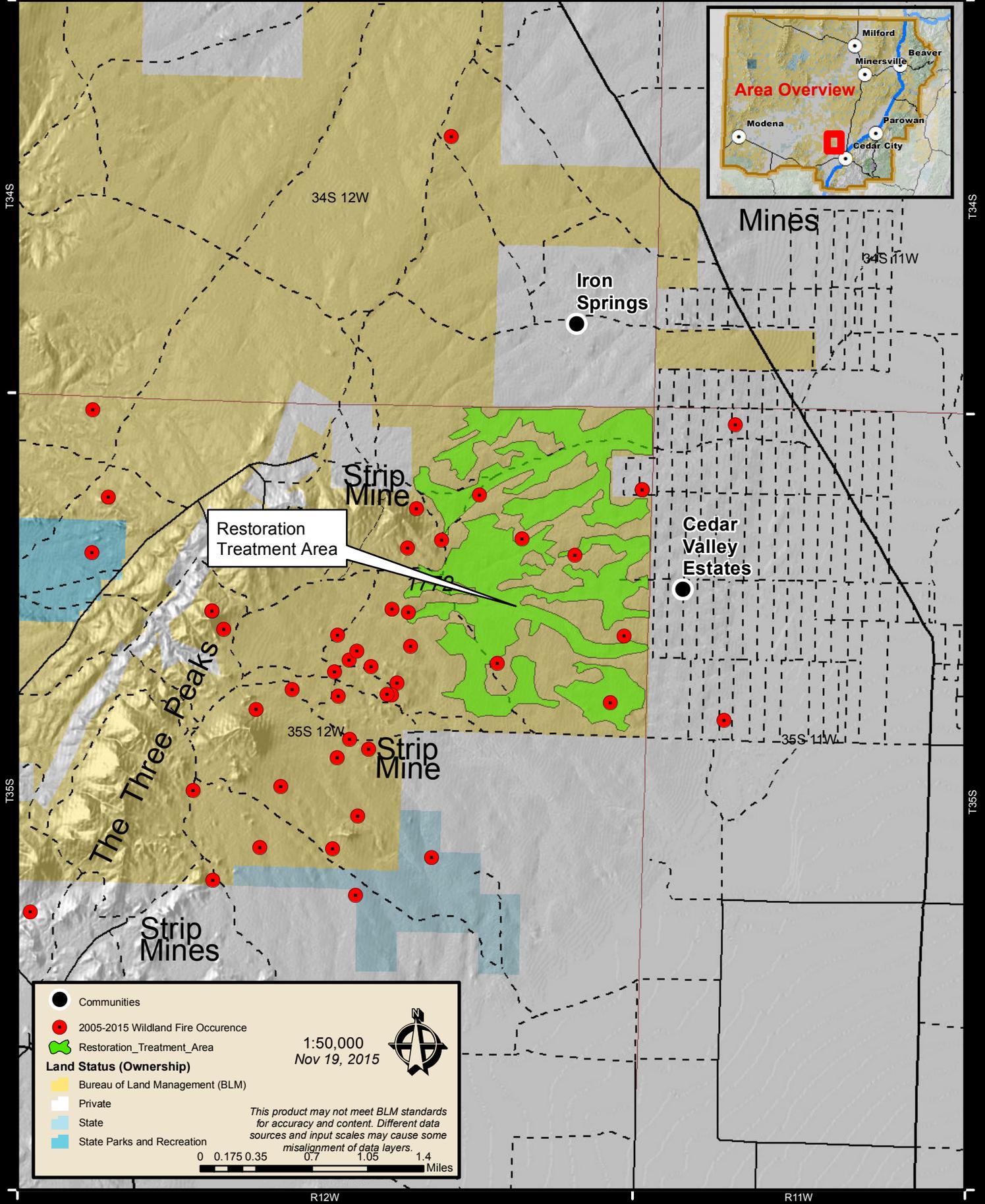
Landscape restoration projects like these, are supported and funded by Utah’s Watershed Restoration Initiative, a variety of private, state, and federal cooperators, including Mule Deer Foundation, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Safari Club International, Utah Forestry Fire and State Lands, and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

While the projects are in progress, please adhere to safety signs surrounding the treatment area. For more information or to add an email address to our contact list, contact Nick Howell at (435)865-3026 or Paul Briggs at (435)865-3002. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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