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Vegetation Enhancement to Continue Near Beaver, Utah

Beaver, Utah- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District will continue work on 946 acres of vegetation enhancement to public land east of Interstate 15 and west of the South Creek Road, south of Beaver, Utah this week.

Projects like this are designed to improve watershed conditions, enhance crucial mule deer winter range, elk, pronghorn and sage grouse habitat in addition to reducing hazardous fuels for enhanced community wildfire protection. Encroaching pinyon and juniper trees will be removed using “bullhogs” also known as mechanical chipper shredders to meet wildlife habitat restoration guidelines. Trees will be removed in an environmentally friendly manner, creating more sagebrush, grass, and forbs.

This site will be aerial seeded to maximize wildlife benefits. A specific seed mix designed to promote favorable cool season grasses, forbs, and shrubs will be used. Implementation is scheduled to be completed in November of 2013.

Mechanical thinning of pinyon and juniper trees is one of many treatment options used by land management agencies to restore important sagebrush habitats and provide ecological benefits to various locations throughout southern Utah.

This is a cooperative project between the BLM and Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD), a statewide consortium of local sportsmen groups, landowners, and other state and federal partners.

For additional information and/or to add your email address to our local information contact list, please contact Nick Howell at (435) 865-3026 or Paul Briggs at (435) 865-3002.

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