



## WEST DESERT BLM FUELS MANAGEMENT

### Crawford Mountain Fuels Treatment

The Crawford project is a broad scale hazardous fuels reduction and wildlife habitat enhancement project located in Rich County (eastern slope of the Crawford Mountains). The goal is to protect critical mule deer and sage grouse winter range by reducing encroaching juniper and creating fire breaks within sagebrush habitat. Benefits will include increased forage for wildlife and livestock, and a change in fuel type allowing safer and easier fire suppression. The project is paid for by the Watershed Restoration Initiative, a partnership with several groups contributing money: The Ruby Pipeline Mitigation fund, the Healthy Lands Initiative, BLM wildlife and BLM fuels funds.

**Location:** Crawford Mountains, Rich County, Utah

**Timeline:** Starting November 2011

**Acres:** Up to 2,200

**Treatment Type:** Mechanical

**Objectives:**

- Protect and enhance critical mule deer and greater sage grouse winter range by reducing juniper cover and creating fuel breaks within sagebrush habitat



Juniper treatment area within the Crawford Mountains.

Treatment actions include:

- Employ mechanical shredding (Bullhog) and chainsaws to reduce juniper density and cover.
- Mow sagebrush along roadways to create fuel breaks.

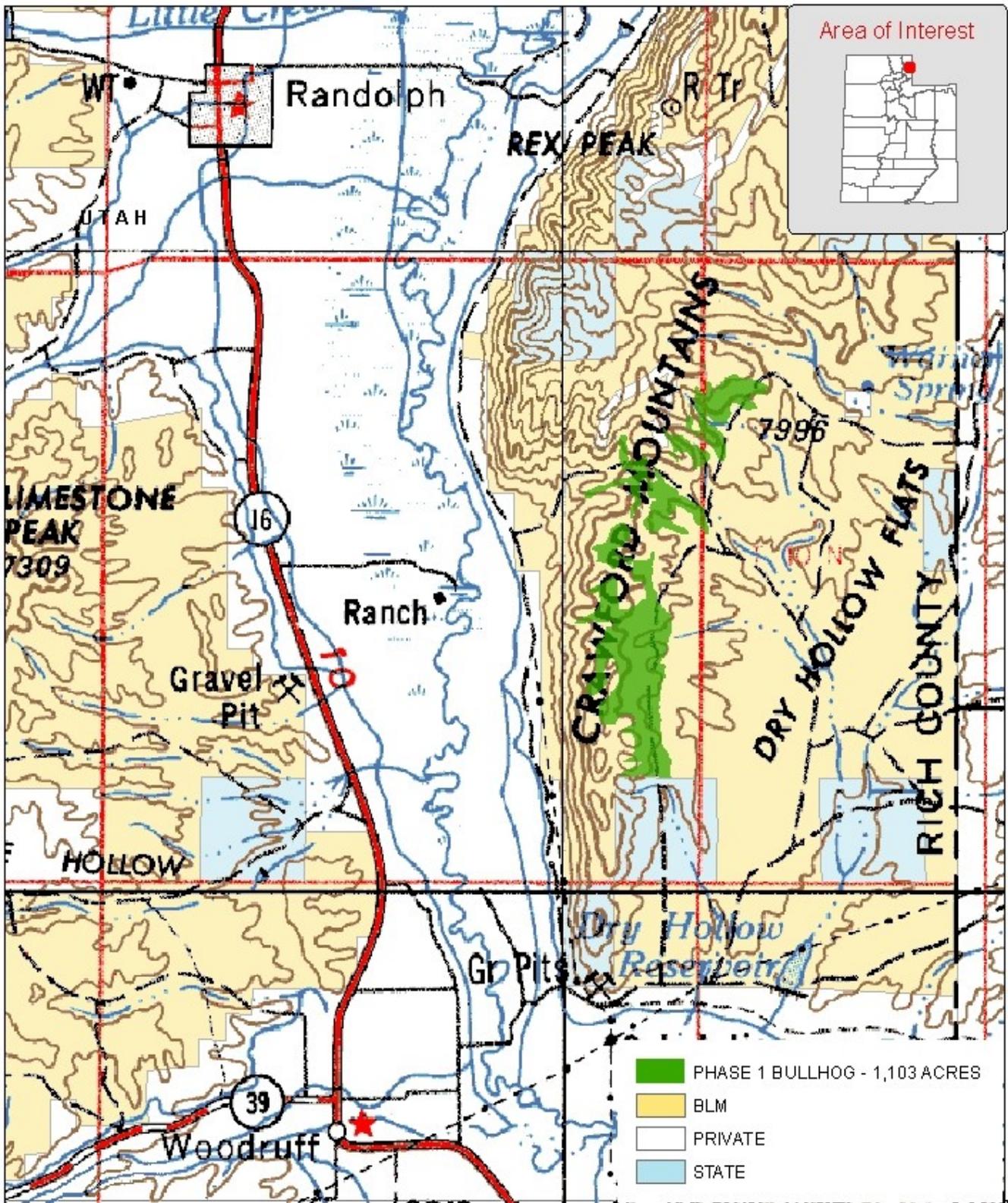


The bullhog on site in Rich County

Juniper trees will be mechanically shredded using a Bullhog. Wildlife corridors and islands of old-growth trees will remain providing cover for wildlife and livestock. 1,103 acres will be completed this winter by an Evanston, WY contractor.

For more information: BLM West Desert District 801-977-4300

[www.utahfireinfo.gov/fuel\\_projects.html](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov/fuel_projects.html)



### CRAWFORD MOUNTAIN FUELS TREATMENT



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