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## ***SR-199 Juniper Removal to Continue Through Fall of 2010***

The Bureau of Land Management's mechanical juniper removal project will continue through the Fall of 2010. The project is designed to reduce the potential for catastrophic fire along Johnson's Pass (SR 199), connecting Skull Valley and Rush Valley in Tooele County. Future fires in the project area will be more easily controlled by firefighters, and the ecosystem will be more resilient following a fire. The Big Hollow project has received funding and support from the Watershed Restoration Initiative and local landowners in favor of the secondary ecosystem benefits including watershed and sagebrush restoration.

**WHEN:** Continuing through the fall of 2010.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Heavy equipment in the area, scattered juniper chips and fewer trees. Initially the area will look a lot different; the tree debris will have an orange color for the first year, and sometimes this can be a stark contrast against the green of standing junipers. In time, the bright color will fade, seedlings will start to sprout and wildlife will benefit from the forage and forbs that have been inhibited by the thick juniper.

**SAFETY:** Be careful when traveling on SR199 or in the area during this time. Heavy equipment will be operating.

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