

Ray Mesa Phase II Wildland/Urban Interface Project



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Location: Public lands adjacent to the communities of Old La Sal and the woodlands at La Sal subdivision.

Implementation Date: This project originated with Phase I in the summer of 2004, with Phase II of the treatment implemented in 2008. The project is expected to be a multiple-year project with ongoing monitoring and maintenance activities.

Project Acres: Approximately 6,400

Acres to be treated in 2009/2010: Approximately 430 acres to be burned; additional acres treated by hand crews or mechanically.

Legal: T. 28 S., R. 26 E., Sec. 31, T. 29 S., T. 25 E., Sec. 1&12, T. 29 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 4-9.

Project Description: The overall goals and objectives of the project are to mitigate the potential for high-intensity wildland fire by reducing hazardous fuels, and to re-establish a diverse and fire resilient vegetative community. This phase of the project will include the pile burning of stacked debris from previous cutting and thinning operations. Numerous piles covering approximately 400 acres will be burned throughout the fall and winter months. Additional acres will be treated with hand crews or mechanically in 2010. The BLM has collaborated with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) to procure and apply seed across portions of the project area.

