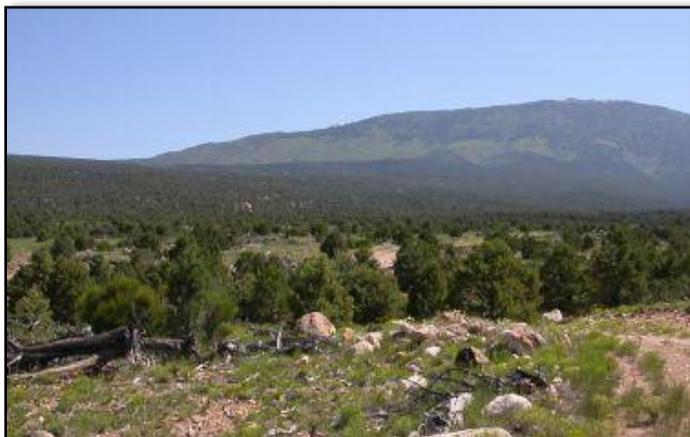


## **Black Ridge Fuels Reduction for Vegetative Restoration and Resource Protection**

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**Location:** BLM-managed public lands along the foothills of the La Sal mountain range, south of Moab, Utah in San Juan County.



**Implementation Date:** This project has been in the planning and design phase with the EA recently completed and the public comment period closed. A decision on the proposed project is expected in April of 2010. If the project receives approval, Phase I is scheduled for initial implementation in the fall of 2010.

**Project Acres:** Approximately 30,000 acres

**Acres to be treated in 2010/2011:** Approximately 9,100 acres of various activities including seeding, manual

treatment by hand crews and/or mechanical treatment (bullhog).

**Legal:** T. 27 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 22, 27-31, 33 and 34; T. 28 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 1, 12 and 13; T. 28 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 3-10, 13-15, 17-31 and 33-35; T. 38 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 28-31, 33 and 34; T. 29 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 3 and 4; T. 29 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 3, 4 and 6.

**Project Description:** The overall goals and objectives of the project are to restore resilience to watersheds, protect wildlife habitat and safeguard public health and infrastructure from the threat of high intensity wildland fire, enhance and expand sagebrush and grassland-steppe habitat, and increase forage and improve habitat for wildlife and livestock. Phase I of the proposed project would mitigate the potential for high-intensity wildland fire by reducing hazardous fuels in and around wildland/urban interface areas and through the restoration of a diverse and fire resilient vegetative community. Vegetation

treatment activities would include a wide variety of actions including manual cutting, mechanical cutting and thinning, prescribed fire and herbicide use in limited areas. The BLM has collaborated with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) to procure and apply seed across portions of the project area.

