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Archy Bench Slashing

Vernal, Utah —

The Green River District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to inform the public of a fuels project taking place May 15, 2010- September 1, 2010. This project will provide for wildland fire hazard reduction by cutting live Pinyon-Juniper trees by hand with chainsaws. Boles of the trees shall be completely severed from the stump(s) within six inches from the ground measured on the uphill side. No live or dead limbs shall be left on the stump of cut trees. The resultant slash may not exceed 3 feet in depth. This project is approximately 1,339 acres. It is located in Uintah County, Utah, approximately 50 miles south of Vernal, Utah. Elevations range from 6,000 to 6,300 feet within the project site. The slope within the project ranges from 1-15% over the unit.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.