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Prescribed Fires Planned for Fall and Winter Months in San Juan County

MOAB, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyon Country Fire Zone will conduct a number of prescribed fires on public lands in San Juan County during the fall and winter months. Conducting prescribed burns reduces the wildfire risk for adjacent communities, restores ecosystem health, and; enhances wildlife habitat.

Prescribed fires are planned for the following locations:

- Ray Mesa II (southeast of Old La Sal) – two planned burns for 64 acres and 124 acres;
- Peters Point (eight miles north of Monticello, adjacent to Highway 191) – pile burning planned for approximately 700 acres of brush piles;
- Devil Canyon (between Monticello and Blanding at Canyon Terrace, adjacent to Highway 191) – pile burning planned for 627 acres of brush piles, and;
- Bluff Water Wheel (seven miles southwest of Bluff) – planned burning of 10 acres of cut and piled tamarisk that will create a fuel break and protect the historic water wheel structure.

Fire personnel from the Canyon Country Fire Zone will conduct the burns and monitor fire conditions. Prescribed burns are only conducted under favorable weather and vegetation conditions, and smoke may be visible from Highway 191 or in local communities. Smoke from prescribed burns generally lifts and dissipates during the warmest part of the day, but can linger over burn areas and in drainages as temperatures drop during the evening hours.

Prescribed burns will be posted on www.UtahFireInfo.gov.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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