

Land Managers Work to Ensure Wildfire Protection, Wildlife Benefits

- BLM, Color Country District -



Aerial Seeding, near Bumblebee Ridge Subdivision

Company: SkyHawk Helicopter Services Inc, St. George Utah.



Equipment Pulling Chain Harrow

The BLM, Color Country District began work this past week to rehabilitate areas burned by wildfire near New Harmony, Utah on June 27, 2012. Rehabilitation efforts will ensure continued wildfire protection to communities in addition to restore important wildlife habitat.

Desired grasses and forbs are applied to the site by a helicopter. A “chain harrow,” provided by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) then incorporates the seed into the soil. Also, a “bullhog” (lower right) mechanically mulches burned trees in more critical areas that are susceptible to erosion and increased water runoff.

Communities at risk of wildfire are always at the top of the priority list when rehabilitating Southern Utah’s wildfire areas. Wildlife benefits are also very important to BLM’s strategy. Most rehabilitation and treatments are designed to be used by big game animals, birds, and other sensitive species like sage grouse.

This year BLM is working on implementing Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation plans for approximately 30,000 acres of land impacted by various wildfires throughout Southern Utah.

2012 Fire Rehabilitation:

New Harmony Fire– 196 acres

Quail Fire– 1,388 acres

Reserve Fire– 2,976 acres

Toquerville Fire– 113 acres

White Rock Fire– 4,017 acres

Circleville Fire– 94 acres

Baboon Fire– 19,778 acres

Total: 27,251 acres

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Bullhog Mulching Trees: Erosion Mitigation