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Fire Specialist Report

Subject: Field Observation of the Differential Curing of Cheatgrass vs. Sandberg bluegrass.
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This photo was taken approximately 1.5 miles southeast of Brigham point (on the Rupert Fire burn area) on May 25, 2007. The cured grass in the foreground is Sandberg bluegrass. The green grass in the background is Cheatgrass (BRTE). Since Sandberg tends to cure out earlier than Cheatgrass and grows close together (high continuity) it lacks the features needed to make it a good candidate for a fuel break vegetation.



Differential curing of Cheatgrass versus Sandberg bluegrass