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In Reply Refer to: Kyle Teel, Fire Ecologist

Dear Interested Party:

The Ely Field Office is beginning the planning stages and scoping period to conduct five habitat improvement and fuels reduction treatments (Stokes Flat, Pine Wash, Lien Draw, Rice Cemetery, and Barclay) within Lincoln County. Our records indicate that you are an interested party for projects in the proposed area.

Treatments would be implemented within the Clover Mountains (Stokes Flat, Pine Wash, and Barclay treatments), Panaca Summit (Lien Draw treatment), and Little Spring Valley (Rice Cemetery treatment) as shown on the enclosed map. The main goals of the treatments are to improve habitat for wildlife, restore or improve sagebrush ecological sites, and protect an historic cemetery.

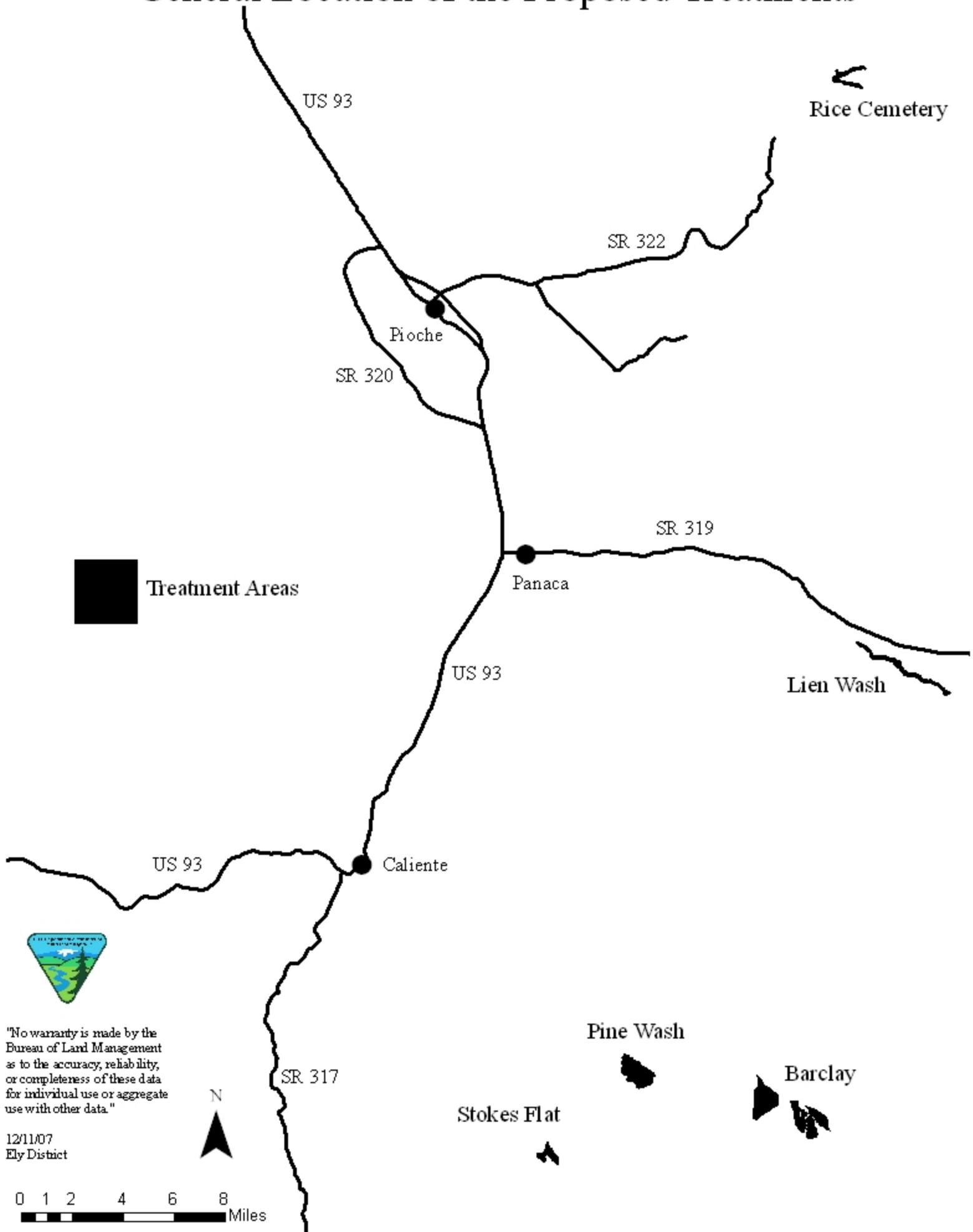
The following are long-term goals identified for the projects:

- Reduce tree cover on sagebrush sites in order to allow for improvement of shrub and herbaceous communities
- Increase available habitat for neighboring wildlife species
- Reduce fuel loading and continuity
- Restore historic disturbance regime within the project areas
- Provide wildfire protection to an historic cemetery

Proposed treatments or actions to achieve the goals have not been finalized. Possible treatments that have been suggested by BLM staff specialists include mowing, aeration, chaining, and manual removal methods.

Please contact Kyle Teel, Fire Ecologist by January 18, 2008 if: (1) you would like to submit comments on the goals of these projects or to suggest treatment options; or (2) you would like to remain on the mailing list to continue participating in the planning process. Contacts can be made by telephone at (775) 726-8117 or at the address listed on the letterhead.

General Location of the Proposed Treatments



Rice Cemetery

US 93

SR 322

Pioche

SR 320

SR 319

Panaca

Lien Wash

US 93

US 93

Caliente

SR 317

Pine Wash

Barclay

Stokes Flat

Treatment Areas

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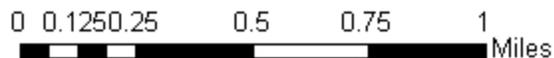
Lien Draw Sagebrush Restoration



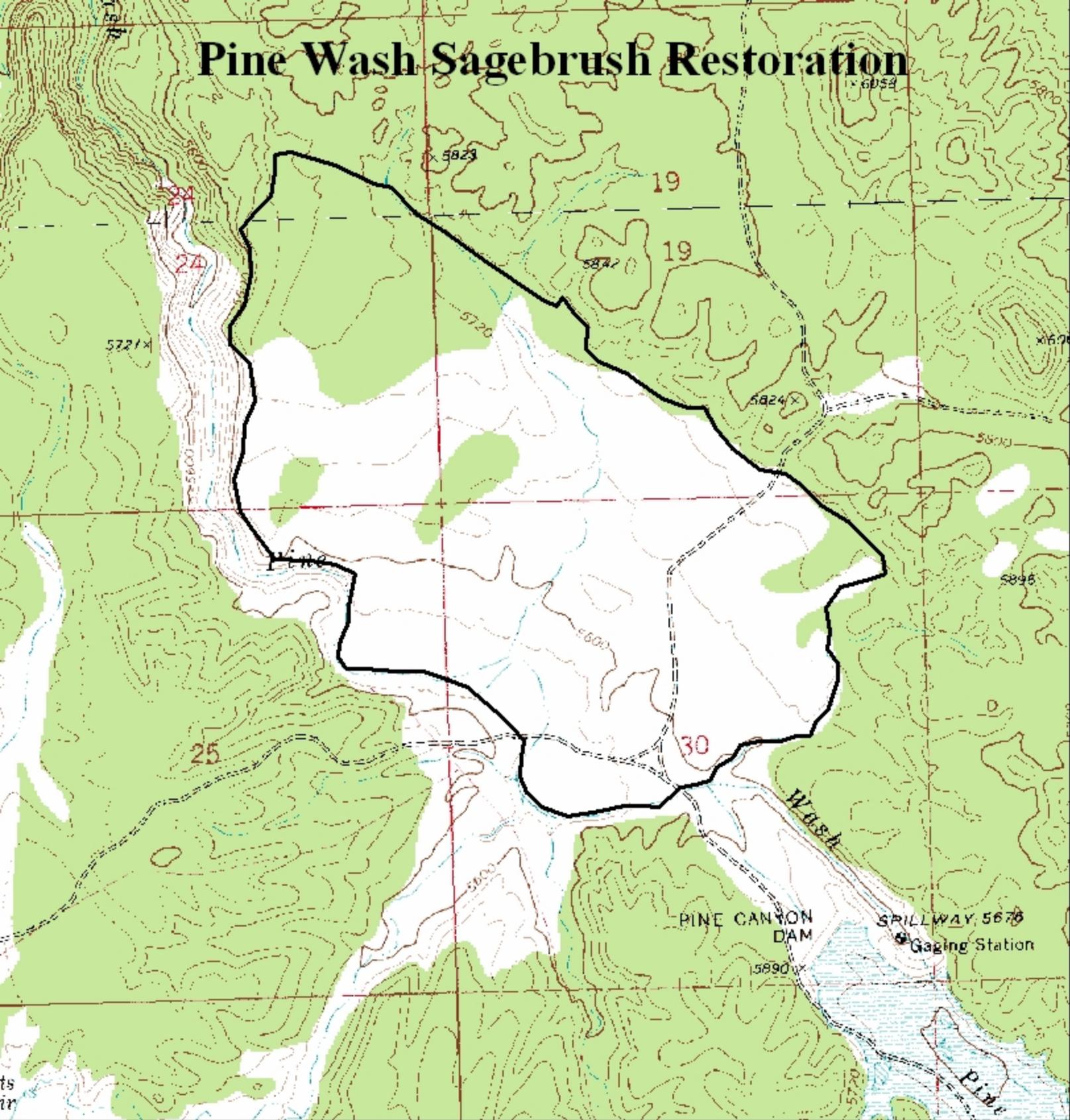
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Proposed Project Area
approximately 400 acres



Pine Wash Sagebrush Restoration



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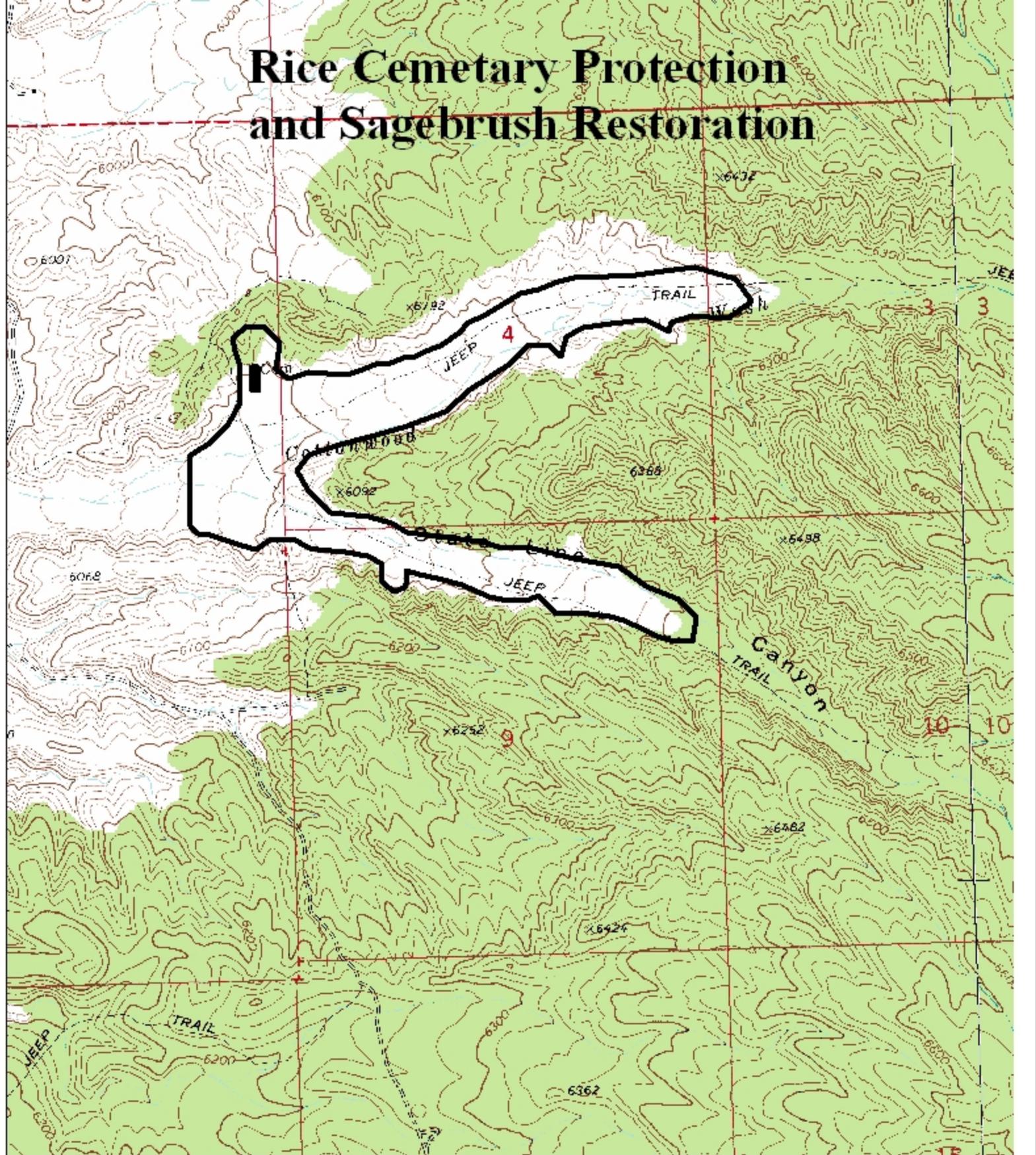
Proposed Project Area
approximately 640 acres



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Rice Cemetary Protection and Sagebrush Restoration



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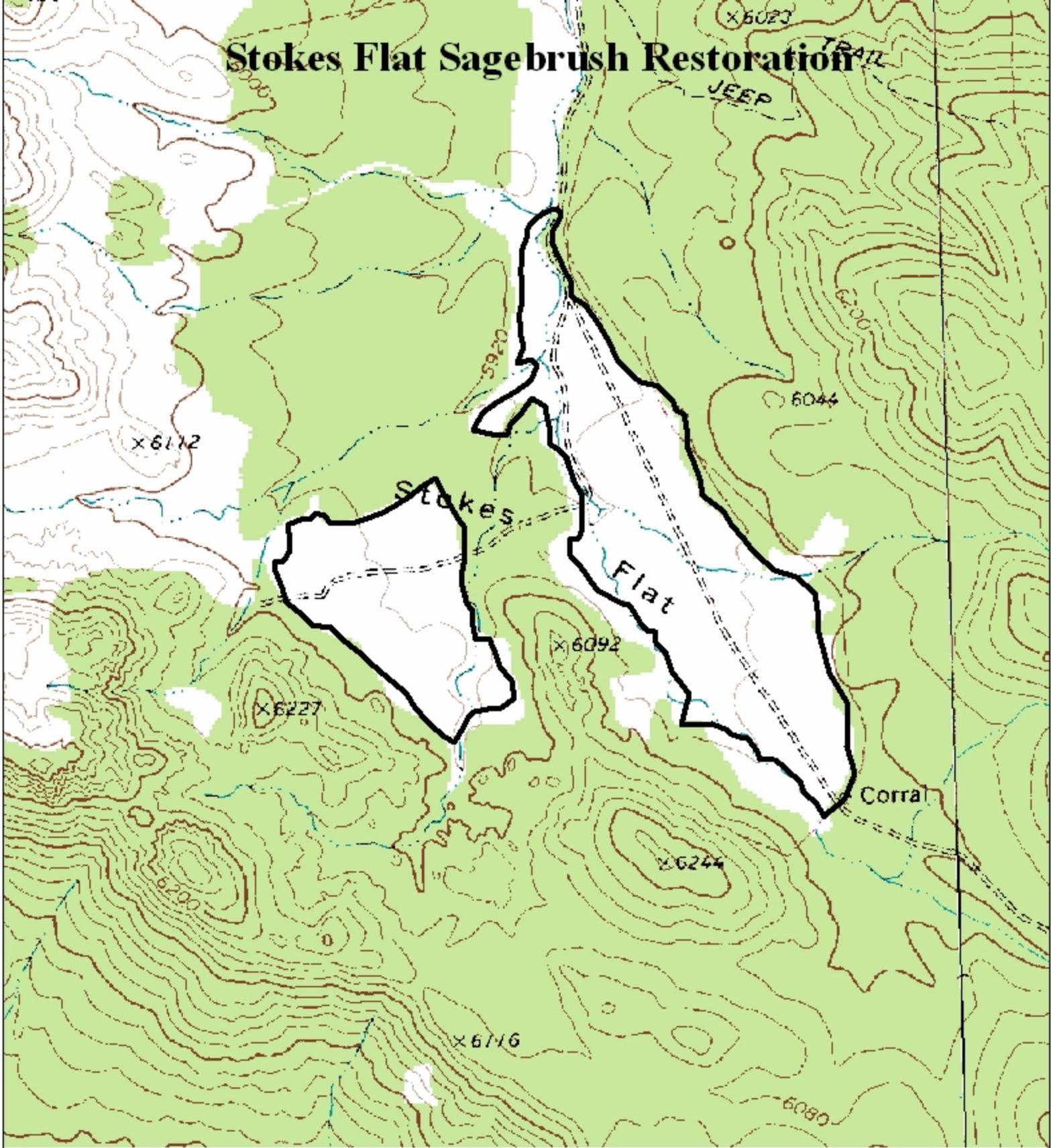
Cemetery



Proposed Project Area
approximately 200 acres



Stokes Flat Sagebrush Restoration



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Proposed Project Area
approximately 145 acres



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