

# Dugout Creek Fuels Reduction and Habitat Restoration Canyon Country Fire Zone: Price Field Office

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**Location:** BLM-managed public lands in Carbon County, Utah, situated approximately eight miles north of Highway 6 and the Soldier Creek turnoff, northeast of Price in the foothills of the Book Cliffs.

**Project Acres:** Approximately 13,700 acres

**Legal:** T. 13 S., R. 11 E., Sections 23-26, 35 and 36; T. 13. S., R. 12 E., Sections 19-22 and 26-35; T. 14 S., R. 11 E., Section 1; T. 14 S., R. 12 E., Sections 3-6, 8 and 9



**Project Description:** This is an ongoing project to be completed in phases over the next several years. Phase I (544 acres) of this project has been completed through a collaborative effort between the BLM and the Utah Division of Wildlife Services to restore areas that were bulldozer-chained during the early 1960's. Treated areas are establishing an environment more favorable to grass, forbs and shrubs. The treatment design also involves the thinning and reduction of hazardous fuels including dense, closed-canopy trees and heavy brush, to reduce the potential for high intensity wildfire in the pinyon-juniper woodlands. To meet additional fuels and wildlife objectives, encroaching pinyon-juniper will continue to be removed from sagebrush communities to encourage a healthy sagebrush component. Phase II of this project is currently being implemented and includes 483 additional acres of mastication by bullhog. The Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative (UWRI) provided funding for the purchase of seed to the project area for habitat improvement.

First year post treatment response



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