



## 11.0 TORRINGTON SANDHILLS



### 11.1 Area Description

Number of Points: 51 (525-575)

Number of Structures: 4

BLM Ownership: 1,900 acres (3 parcels)

The BLM land for the fuel is two miles northeast of Torrington. Rolling sand hills are dissected by the Interstate Canal running west to east. A large secondary canal runs south from the larger canal. There is intense grazing south of the Interstate Canal by cattle and horses. Upland plant species include blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*), bluegrass (*Poa sp.*), and Indian ricegrass (*Oryzopsis hymenoides*), with sand sage (*Artemisia filifolia*) present in pockets. Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) and cottonwoods (*Populus sp.*) are found along the canals. Some cottonwood trees have been removed and several large slash piles are found close to the Interstate Canal.



North of the Interstate Canal there is moderate to heavy grazing south of the east-west fence and little grazing on the north side of the fence.

## 11.2 Management Recommendations

Due to heavy grazing, fine fuels, bare ground, and the occurrence of fire breaks (e.g., roads, canals), no significant treatments are recommended at this time. However, cottonwood piles could be burned in the winter to improve aesthetics and reduce the fuel load.

## 11.3 Torrington Sandhills Hazard Assessment Rating

<u>Total Rating Score</u>	<u>Hazard Level</u>	<u>Amount (%)</u>
1-14	Low	29
15-21	Moderate	71
21-28	High	0
29-35	Extreme	0