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BLM/PACK CREEK RANCH PROJECT NEAR COMPLETION

Pack Creek Ranch, Utah... The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be conducting prescribed fire pile burns starting as early as October 25th and will continue as weather allows until completed. The "slash" piles are the remnants of the excess fuels that were cut on the public lands adjacent to the ranch.

Whenever fuels become overgrown or invasive species disrupt an ecosystem, wildland fire danger will increase, add drought to the mix and the fire danger can reach extreme levels. The pile burning is part of the fire mitigation plan the BLM, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL), and the Forest Service have been developing to make Pack Creek more wildfire resistant.

Over the course of the last two years the FFSL and BLM have been hand cutting the excess and overgrown fuels and piling the slash for burning at a later time. Now that cooler weather is here the BLM will be burning the piles on the public land bordering the community. FFSL has already cut the excess material in the riparian area and has been conducting pile burns as weather allows. The mitigation efforts within the ranch were made possible by the National Fire Plan Grant.

For additional project information, please call Heather O'Hanlon @ 435-259-2184.

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