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BLM TO CONDUCT RESEARCH BURNS

Grand County, Utah... The Bureau of Land Management, Moab Fire District will be implementing prescribed fire projects, (weather pending), next week (9/20/04).

The projects (Research Burn Units) are located in the Big Flat, San Arroyo and East Coyote areas. All three research units are 3 acres in size. These research burn projects are intended to provide opportunities to test restoration techniques on areas affected by fire. These sites were chosen due to variation in soil types, moisture distribution and site specific vegetation communities. The project goal is to develop an understanding of the recruitment of native species in relation to soil food web tropic structure, specifically the presence and influence of mycorrhizal fungi, for rangeland restoration efforts.

Project managers plan to utilize BLM personnel for the ignition and holding operations. Implementation of the burn projects is weather dependent. The plan is to start ignition starting Monday but there is a weather system predicted to move through the area Sunday night which may bring moisture to the area, thus delaying implementation.

Implementation should take approximately three days to complete. For more information please go to website, www.utahfireinfo.gov.

Remember, only you can prevent wildfires.

Do your part. Don't start wildfires.

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