

**Monticello & Blanding Municipal Watershed Improvement Projects Draft EIS
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APPENDIX D PAST, PRESENT, AND REASONABLY FORESEEABLE FUTURE ACTIONS

TIMING	PAST ACTION	EFFECTS
2002	Nizhoni Fire: Fire occurred July 2002. About 2,300 acres burned. All outside the project area boundary. About 200 acres burned within the MWS management prescription area.	About 1,200 acres of the total fire area burned at a moderate to high severity. Most above ground vegetation in these areas was killed. Of the MWS area that burned, about 60 acres burned at a moderate to high severity. Wind and water erosion has occurred since the fire.
2000-2001	Road: Reconstruction of what is known to the local community as the Blue Mountain Highway (FH 049 – 9.2 miles) from Monticello to Foy Lake (at the end of FR 50100 – 1.1 miles). Total 10.3 miles.	Road corridor was totally reconstructed. Curves realigned, highway widened, new drainage installed, and surface repaved.
1983-1994	Road: Construction of what is known to the local community as Hart’s Draw Road – FH 049 from juncture of FR 50100 to State 211 near Newspaper Rock. County Highway - 8.4 miles.	High clearance road reconstructed to highway status and paved.
1999-present	Vegetation: Trapping and baiting of spruce beetle within the project area. Activity has occurred within North Creek, Spring Creek, and Indian Creek drainages.	Pheromone baiting of funnel traps, felling of green trap trees, and disposal (by burning) of trap trees and adjacent infested trees. Approximately 90 trap and infested trees felled to date.
1989-93	Nhizoni Campground: Construction of Nhizoni Campground – Dry Wash/Johnson Creek area.	Provided developed recreation opportunities for individuals displaced by closure of Red Bluff Campground.
1981	Red Bluff Campground: Closure of Red Bluff Campground in Johnson Creek drainage for safety.	Eliminated developed campground area. Reduction to City of Blanding’s developed recreation opportunities.
1981 – Present	Grazing: Permitted livestock grazing in those areas not designated as MWS management prescription in the Forest Plan.	
1992	Blue Mountain Ski Area: Cancellation of the ski area special use permit.	Loss of winter sports recreation area and related economic impacts to San Juan County. Area was permitted/operated since 1957, but had been closed since 1984 due to poor snow conditions and funding problems.
1986 – Present	Blanding Water System:	Maintenance of tunnel, pipeline, ditches, and collection boxes.
1986 – Present	Monticello Water System:	Maintenance of pipeline, ditches, and collection boxes.
2002	Vegetation: Trapping and baiting of spruce beetle within the projects area. Continuation of past treatments within the project area.	Pheromone baiting of funnel traps, felling of green trap trees, and disposal (by burning) of trap trees and adjacent infested trees.
2002	Blanding Water System:	Maintenance of tunnel, pipeline, ditches, and collection boxes.
2002	Monticello Water System:	Maintenance of pipeline, ditches, and collection boxes.
2002	Grazing: Permitted livestock grazing in those areas not designated as MWS management prescription in the Forest Plan.	
TIMING	REASONABLE FORESEEABLE FUTURE ACTION	EFFECTS
2002-2012	Road: Implementation of Road Analysis recommendations.	Reconstruct 14 miles of existing classified road. Decommission 27 miles of unclassified road. Decommission 10 miles of classified road. Reclassify 3 miles of classified road as level 1 and close to public motorized use. Reclassify 1 mile of forest trail as classified road. Classify 1 mile of unclassified route as forest road. Construct 3 miles of motorized trail.

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2003-2005	Timber Salvage: Salvage of fire-killed and damaged trees within the Nizhoni Fire area in Johnson Creek drainage.	Implement timber salvage contract within about 800 acres of the Nizhoni Fire area in Johnson Creek. Provide disposal of unmerchantable material through fuelwood permit and piling and burning and plant suitable areas for ponderosa pine restoration.
2006	Vegetation: Johnson Creek Timber Sale. Proposed ponderosa pine timber harvest (FY 2002 Five-Year Action Plan) and associated prescribed burning. 500 acres.	Harvest of commercial and felling of non-commercial size trees to improve the health of forest vegetation, improve structural diversity, and reduce the risk of fire, while managing the spread of dwarf mistletoe from infected trees to uninfected trees.
2003-2007	Vegetation: Trapping and baiting of spruce beetle within the project area. Activity has occurred within North Creek, Spring Creek, and Indian Creek drainages.	Pheromone baiting of funnel traps, felling of green trap trees, and disposal (by burning) of trap trees and adjacent infested trees.
2003 – 2012 and beyond.	Monticello Water System Maintenance:	Continued care and maintenance of existing and reconstructed water collection and conveyance system for Monticello City.
2007-2012	Monticello Water System: San Juan County, the City of Monticello, and the Bureau of Reclamation are studying the possibility of expansion of Monticello’s water collection and conveyance system. 2 ½ miles of new pipeline are currently being considered. This would extend from FR 50079, along FH 049 (1 mile) and then across forest and up Spring Creek (1 mile). An additional ½ mile would be constructed in the Clay Draw area. Gordon Reservoir (private lands) would be expanded and an additional reservoir constructed west of Gordon Reservoir (BLM and National Forest Lands).	Pipeline corridor construction similar to that proposed in current EIS. Reservoirs would require dam construction and expansion of Gordon Reservoir dam. Additional water would be captured/stored off forest.
2003 – 2012 and beyond.	Blanding Water System Maintenance:	Continued care and maintenance of the existing water collection and conveyance system for Blanding City.
2003	Blanding Water System (tunnel):	Reconstruction or heavy maintenance of tunnel at Jackson Ridge.
2002 – 2012	Grazing: Permitted livestock grazing in those areas not designated as MWS management prescription in the Forest Plan.	Expected to continue into the next Forest Planning period.