



## Reporting Our Progress in Caring for the Land and Serving People



### Pinyon-Juniper Treatments for Grassland and Sage Steppe Restoration Integrated Resource Restoration (IRR) Pilot Program in Partnership with the Mule Deer Foundation Spanish Fork Ranger District, FY 2012 To 2014 Accomplishments Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Intermountain Region



**State:** Utah

**Congressional District:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Accomplishments:

During the 3 year Integrated Resource Restoration Pilot Program, mastication and Lop & Scatter Treatments of Pinyon Juniper have restored 3,918 acres of grassland and Sage Steppe habitat, including restoration of critical Mule Deer winter range and Sage Grouse habitat. Soils and hydrology have also benefitted as a result of increased cover and a reduction of bare soil as a result of the treatments.

**Forest Service Contribution:** \$485,985 From 2012 To 2014

**WFHF -** \$398,165

**NFRR -** \$87,820

**Partner Contribution:** \$225,207 From 2012 To 2014.

**MDF Contribution:** \$8,000

**Total Project Investment:** \$711,1192

#### External Partners:

Mule Deer Foundation, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Safari Club, Utah Bowmen for Habitat, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah Division of Fire, Forestry and State Lands, Utah Partners for Conservation and Development, State of Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative.

#### Internal (Integrated) Partners:

Fuels/Wildlife/Range/Watershed/Soils.

The Spanish Fork Ranger District completed NEPA in the Vernon Management Unit that allows for a total of 12,250 acres of pinyon-juniper landscape treatments to restore grassland and sage steppe habitat types. The mastication and lop & scatter treatments of pinyon-juniper trees will result in the restoration of grassland and sage steppe habitat for improved winter range conditions for mule deer, and Sage Grouse. The funding from grant dollars from a variety of partners has been used for landscape-scale treatments that will continue to improve wildlife cover and foraging conditions for a variety of species, reduce fire hazards adjacent to the communities of Vernon, improve watershed conditions, and restore winter range and grassland habitat.



*During.*



*After.*

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