

Partnership Project Success Story

State:	Colorado	FS Funds Used:	\$ 3,000
National Forest/Grassland:	White River National Forest Rifle Ranger District	Other Funds Used:	\$
		Partners:	\$ 5,000
Project Name:	Rifle Burn Blocks	Total Project Cost:	\$ 8,000

Project Purpose/Objectives: The Rifle Ranger District is using prescribed burning in the oakbrush cover type to acknowledge fire as an intergral part of the ecosystem and to rejuvenate old, decadent shrub stands. In addition, noxious weed surveys and treatments were conducted in these burn units to map and treat weeds. This is the 2006 phase of the project.

Work Performed: These burns were conducted in the spring, predominantly in the oak brush, aiming for a mosiac pattern to imitate natural fire. Hand lighting was the method used.

Benefits: 10 acres of thistle were treated by hand in very difficult terrain; 20 acres of tamarisk shrub were treated. A small wildfire of 20 acres and hand ignited prescribed fire burned about 900 acres. The fire burned in a mosaic pattern and achieved a 40-70% top kill.

Additional Information

Partners: Private Landowners: James L. Rose, Riley & Sharon McClung, Mark & Lindsey Johnson, Marvelle Couey, Kelly Couey, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, EnCana Gas and Oil Corporation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Garfield County-Steve Anthony Noxious Weed Program Coordinator, Colorado Department of Agriculture Palisade Insectary, Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Crew, and Bureau of Land Management



Figure 4 Post burn monitoring