

**Billies Mountain Mechanical Fuels Treatment  
Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest  
October 2008**



**Project Description:** This fuels reduction was implemented on the Spanish Fork Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, in Utah County near the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 89. Oakbrush and maple tree vegetation were thinned using heavy equipment, spreading the mulched material on site. This project was designed to break up the continuous canopy of oakbrush and maple and alter the fuel buildup within the project area. This project will also improve wildlife habitat through the creation of a more diverse age class within the oak/maple community. Thinning was completed in a mosaic pattern to look natural to the casual observer.

Along with the fuel alteration, six miles of illegal user created roads were closed, ripped up and reseeded. The project was completed in cooperation with the Utah Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, Utah Partners for Conservation and Development and Rocky Mountain Power.



**Pre-Treatment**



**Post Treatment**

**Accomplishment:** This fuels project treated 630 acres within an approximate 2,500 acre project area. The fuels reduction successfully modified the vegetation, while maintaining healthy vegetation, soil, and watershed conditions. The thinning of the oakbrush and maple was completed in early October 2008. This work was completed through a private contractor.

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