

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project
Lakeview Stewardship Unit
2013

Project Name: Abe Juniper Treatment Project (non commercial)

Location: Lakeview Stewardship Unit

Map: Juniper Treatment Project (non commercial)

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Description

The proposed project is located in the Upper Thomas Creek Watershed and is a component of the vegetative management and fuels reduction goals of the Abe project. In 2013, up to 1,400 acres would be thinned to remove encroaching junipers and other conifers from sagebrush plant communities where these species have expanded beyond its historical range and/or density. Juniper has expanded its range into meadows and low elevation pine stands due to fire suppression. Encroaching juniper affects many aspects of the watershed, from degrading wildlife habitat and water quality to reducing herbaceous cover. Thinning will be 0-21 inches in diameter at breast height. Non-old growth junipers will be cut and slash will be treated to avoid build up of fuel on the ground. Individual trees will be left as a pile and then broadcast burned.

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