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BLM to Burn Greenville Bench for Natural Resource Benefits

Beaver County, Utah- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District will conduct a 5,000 acre prescribed fire on the Greenville Bench in Beaver County, Utah. Ignitions will occur between Wednesday, August 19 and Saturday, August 22, or as weather conditions and firefighting personnel permit. The burn site is located approximately six miles southwest of Beaver and west of Interstate 15. This project will utilize fire to restore and renew vegetation communities within the project area, while also reducing wildfire threat to communities located in Beaver County. Additionally, the burn will improve wildlife habitat, restore critical watersheds and will provide for firefighter safety in the event of a wildfire.

Color Country BLM Fuels Specialist Ryan Shakespear said "this second phase of the burn project will provide some much needed resource benefit to the area. Overgrown vegetation will be removed from the site allowing native and non native forbs and shrubs to return, promoting healthy rangeland conditions for the ecosystem after post burn seeding and chaining is complete," Shakespear added. Black smoke and flames will be visible from all major road systems in Iron and Beaver Counties. Fire Managers expect a high level of public interest due to the visibility of the fire from I-15 and surrounding communities. This is due to the high and desired fire behavior needed to meet project objectives.

Prescribed fire projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans. Smoke may be present for several days after ignition takes place and could reduce visibility along public use roads in this area. Public access will be restricted on the Californian Hollow and Sand Hollow roads during ignition to ensure safety of fire personnel and the public. Prescribed fire signs will be posted to notify motorists along I-15, SR-21 and SR-130 on days that ignitions take place.

For additional prescribed fire information please visit website www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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For you information... Early warners will be out on the interstate. Please tell people that call 911 that this is a prescribed burn and they are welcome to listen to the details of the project by tuning their car stereos to 1530am.

Bureau of Land Management, Color Country District
Fuels Treatment: Greenville Bench Phase II
Beaver County, Utah

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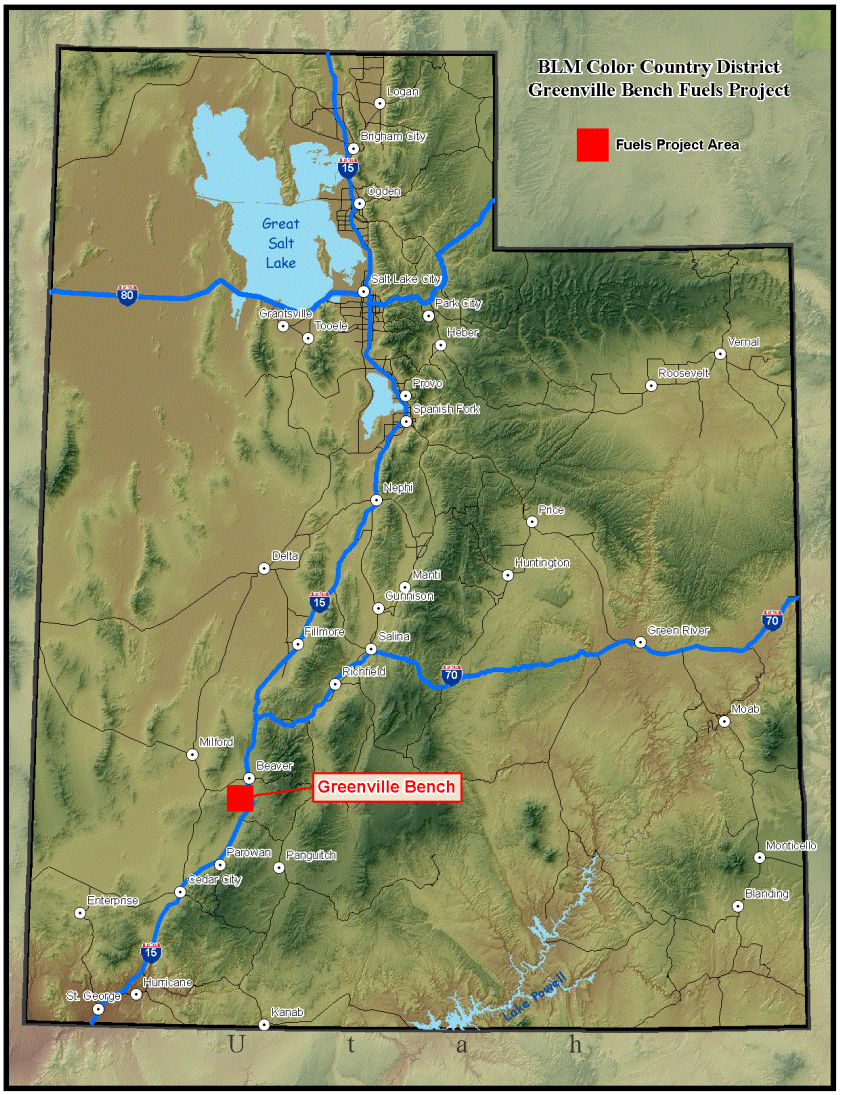
Project Location: The Greenville Bench is located approximately 6 miles southwest of Beaver, Utah and west of Interstate 15.

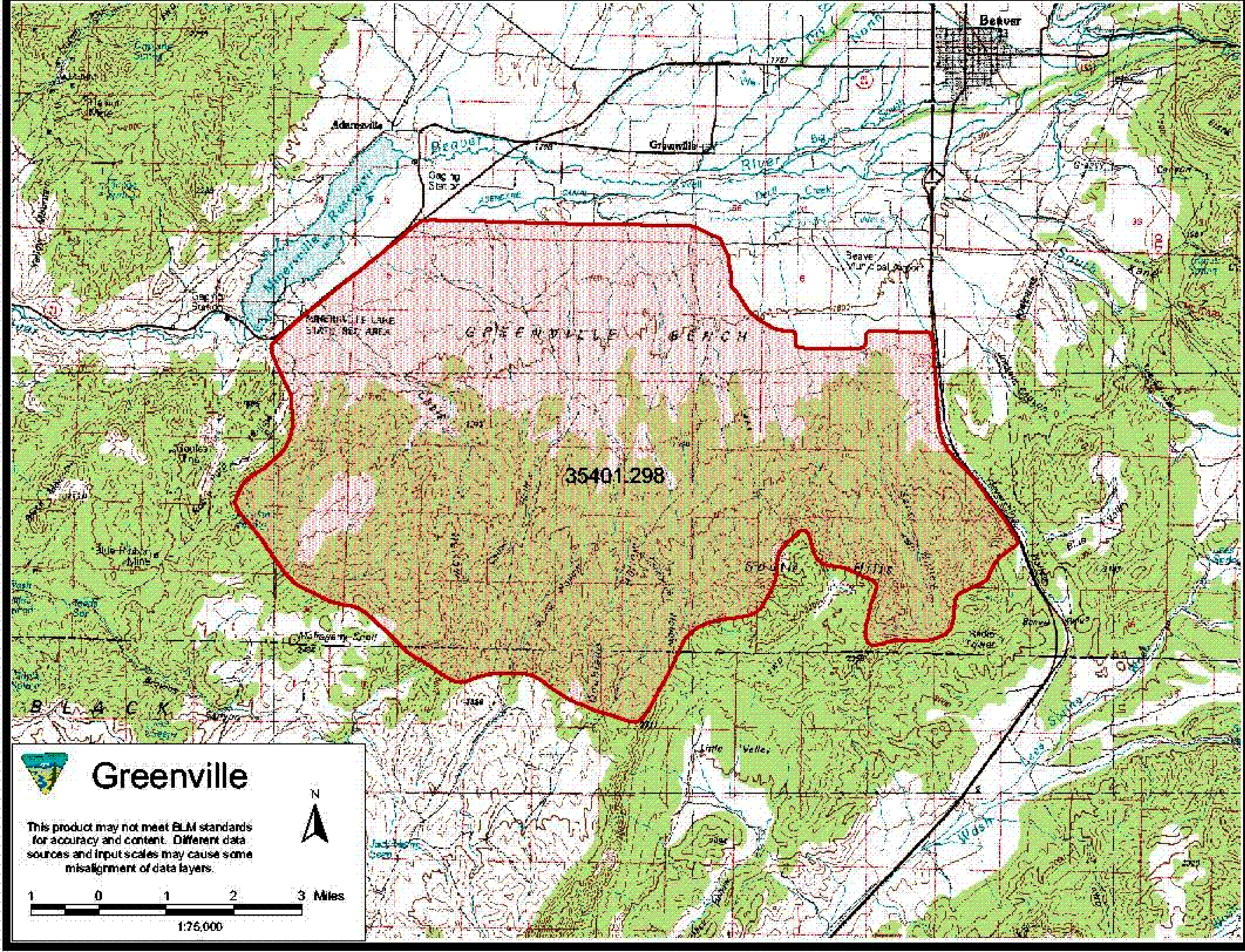
Implementation: Phase II began in 2007 and will continue through 2009.

Project Size: 6,760 acres



Project Description:
The Greenville Bench Project objectives include hazardous fuels reduction, rangeland health improvement, invasive species reduction, ecosystem restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and priority watersheds restoration through prescribed fire and reseeding efforts. Prescribed fire projects will be conducted in a manner consistent with land and resource management plans, public health considerations, and approved prescribed fire plans.
This project is in partnership with Utah Partners for Conservation and Development.

The overall goals of this fuels management project is to reduce encroaching pinyon and juniper trees from the treatment site and replace them with more desired grass and forbs that will greatly benefit wildlife and improve ecosystem diversity.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