Shay Mesa Hazardous Fuels Removal Project

San Juan County, Utah



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Location: Public Lands approximately 12 miles northeast of Monticello.

Implementation Date: Work was initiated in November of 2007. The project is expected continue throughout 2008.

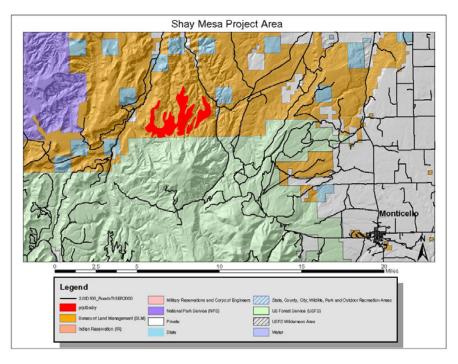
Project Acres: Approximately 1,976 acres.

Acres to be treated in 2008: Approximately 1,312 acres.

Legal: T. 32 S., R. 22 E. Sec. 17-20, 29 & 30, T. 32 S., R. 21 E. Sec. 12-14 & 22-27

Project Description:

Goals of the project include; a reduction in the impact of a catastrophic wildland fire, the recovery of the BLM's investment of time and resources in the original chaining project and improved quantity and quality of forage for wildlife and livestock as well as improved wildlife habitat. In November of 2007,



approximately 660 acres were treated with hand crews and a bullhog type piece of equipment to thin and masticate excess hazardous fuels. The BLM also partnered with the Utah Partners for Conservation & Development to acquire seed to reintroduce more desirable grasses and forbs in the project areas. In 2008, mastication will continue until completed. Additionally, slash will be piled and burned. Seeding has already occurred on units that have been masticated south of the road. More seeding is expected in Fall of 2008.