

## Moab Division of Fire Management

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## EAST COAL CREEK PRESCRIBED FIRE

**Carbon County, Utah...** The Bureau of Land Management, Moab Fire District will be conducting a prescribed fire project, (weather pending), next week (9/20/04).

This project involves a 2414 acre area consisting of five separate units identified as East Coal Creek Fuels Treatment and is in the Price Field Office management area.

The entire project area was chained and seeded in 1965. However, fuels on the north end of the project area have accumulated and are now in need of treatment. The Price Resource Area Management Plan identified maintenance of this chained area; however, no maintenance of this area has occurred to date.

The buildup of hazardous wildfire fuels, consisting of regenerative and invasive pinyon/juniper woodlands and heavy dead and down slash, is the target for this project. This type of hazardous fuel buildup has lead to wind-driven wildfire, as occurred in 1996 near the community of East Carbon.

The regenerative pinyon/juniper has been hand cut and will be hand ignited along with the heavy dead and down slash that was the result of the 1965 chaining and seeding. This will reduce the risk of wildfire causing long-term resource damage to the project area.

For more fire information go to website, <u>www.utahfireinfo.gov</u>.

Remember only you can prevent wildfires.

Do your part. Don't start wildfires.

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