



NWCOS Update Form

TOPIC: Snake River Fuels Project

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Key activities since last NWCOS update:

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), CO-100-2005-023, has been finalized and was approved on June 22, 2005. The approval of the EA and FONSI allows BLM to commence implementation of vegetation treatments on the Snake River Allotment #04206 as fire planning, cultural resources clearances, and wildlife timing stipulations (where applicable) allow. The EA, FONSI, and attached maps will be posted on the NWCOS website for review.

Proposed next steps:

Cultural resource surveys have already been conducted on several identified juniper encroachment treatments on Godiva Rim. These encroachment treatments will commence in these areas as soon as resources (fire crews) are available. The development of prescribed burn plans for portions of the project utilizing fire is currently underway. Other "next-steps" include establishing contracts for mechanical sagebrush treatments and flagging treatment areas on-the-ground. The projects are intended to be completed in a phased manner over the next ten years, so these activities will be ongoing. Gail Mullen, LSFOs new wildlife/fuels biologist will be providing project oversight and coordination with BLM fire personnel.

Issues needing full NWCOS action (if any) and recommended action:

None. BLM will continue to work closely with interested members on this and future projects.

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