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Mature pinyon-juniper and mountain brush adjacent to a residence in the wildland urban interface zone

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Factors Considered	Intensity (How Much of an Impact)	Reasons the Action is Not Significant
	<p>construction of up to 1.63 miles of one-foot wide handline for containment of prescribed fire. (See EA pages 10-11; HR page 41; HRPP pages 10-11, 13-14; Roadless Area Impact Evaluation pp. 4-7)</p>	
<p>Effects likely to be highly controversial?</p>	<p>Based on our review of public comments and the project analysis, we do not find any highly controversial effects to the human environment. There is no scientific controversy over the effects of the proposal. Work with the public and other agencies indicates strong local support for the project. (See EA pages 14-15 and FFSR pages 4-5)</p>	<p>No significant impact because effects are not highly controversial.</p>
<p>Beneficial & Adverse Effects</p>	<p>Both beneficial and adverse effects have been considered. (See EA pages 9-13)</p>	<p>Both beneficial and adverse effects have been considered when making a determination of significance. While there would be beneficial effects, this action does not rely on those effects to balance potentially significant adverse environmental effects.</p>
<p>Effects highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks</p>	<p>The Fishlake National Forest and BLM Field Offices have successfully completed an average of 8,000 acres of vegetation treatments, including prescribed burning, per year over the last five years. The risks associated with the project are recognized, familiar and acceptable. The analysis is based on our best use of available data on fire behavior and our extensive experience with this type of fuel reduction project. (See FFSR page 22)</p>	<p>No significant impact because in our experience with this type of project, effects are not uncertain and we are not taking unique or unknown risks.</p>
<p>Precedent established for future actions?</p>	<p>This action does not set any precedent for future actions. These types of fuels reduction activities have occurred on the Fishlake National Forest and BLM lands over many years, and an average</p>	<p>No significant impact because no precedent would be established for future actions.</p>

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	of 8,000 acres per year have been treated over the last five years. <i>(See FFSR page 22)</i>	
Cumulatively significant?	Approximately five percent of the Pahvant Front would be treated. Effects are expected to be similar to effects for similar projects. This coupled with project mitigation measures and the small percentage to be treated would result in no significant cumulative impacts. <i>(See EA pages 9-13, and cumulative effects sections of AQR, BA, BE, FFSR, HR, HRPP, SRMR, WR, VR)</i>	No significant impact because the project does not represent potential cumulative adverse impacts when considered in combination with other past actions or reasonably foreseeable future actions.
Loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural or historical resources (NHPA consistency)	There are archeological sites in the project area, but mitigation measures would prevent loss or destruction of resources eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. <i>(See EA page 11 and HRPP pages 10-11, 13-14)</i>	No significant impact because there would be no loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural or historical resources.
Adversely affect T&E species or habitat? (ESA consistency)	No effect to T&E plants because they do not occur in the project area. May affect, not likely to adversely affect the bald eagle and western yellow-billed cuckoo. No designated critical habitat for T&E species occurs in the project area. <i>(See EA page 11 and BA pages 2-3, 12-13)</i>	No significant impact because there would be no effect to T&E plants and no adverse effects to T&E wildlife.
Consistent with federal, state or local laws for the protection of the environment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Forest Management Act • Clean Water Act • Clean Air Act 	The project meets federal, state and local laws for the protection of the environmental and meets disclosure requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The proposed action is consistent with the Fishlake Forest Plan, House Range and Warm Springs Resource Management Plans. <i>(See EA pages 9-13; BA pages 2-3, 12-13; BE pages 2-8, 18-22; WR pages 39-55; HR page, 38; AQR page 7)</i>	The proposed action does not threaten a violation of federal, state or local laws.