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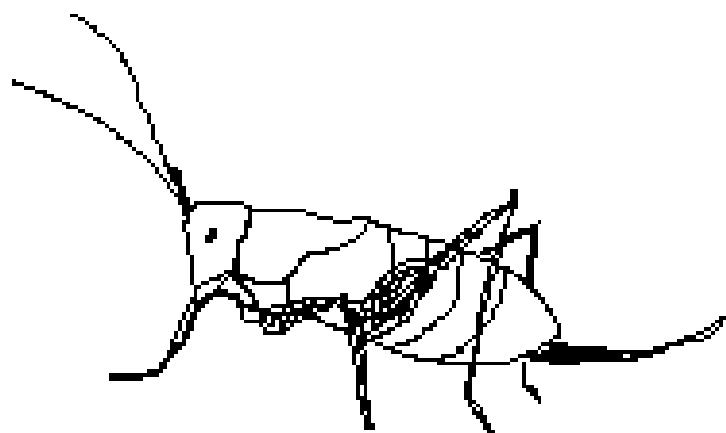
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Abstract: The Uinta National Forest and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) propose to treat approximately 12,440 acres of the 98,340 acre Vernon Management Unit for the purpose of controlling Mormon crickets (*Anabrus simplex*). The treatment would involve *ground* application of carbaryl-treated wheat bran on National Forest System lands that lie generally within one mile of private croplands. *This treatment is not applied by aerial spraying.* Application would begin in early to mid-April, and continue, as needed, into early to mid-July. The purpose of this project is to prevent damage to vegetation on National Forest System administered rangelands and adjacent state, federal, and private rangelands and agricultural lands. Preliminary evidence indicates that a heavy cricket epidemic is expected over the next few years. High numbers of these insects on and near the Vernon Management Unit have caused, and continue to cause, significant damage to agricultural crops adjacent to National Forest System lands and on rangelands administered by the National Forest.

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