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Utah Prairie Dog Recovery, Translocation, and Plague Abatement Wildlife Program, Powell Ranger District, FY2012 Accomplishments Dixie National Forest, Intermountain Region

State: Utah

Congressional District: 2nd

Accomplishments:

- Counted 492 Utah Prairie Dogs (UPD) on NFS lands;
- Trapped 337 UPD from private land and translocated to NFS lands;
- Plague abatement / dusted 4,290 acres of NFS land.
- Constructed a new translocation site;
- Trapped additional UPD from Iron county and moved to National Forest System land.

Forest Service Contribution: \$20,000

Partner Contribution: \$50,000

Project Costs: \$70,000

External Partners:

Garfield County, Iron County, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Department of Natural Resources, private land-owners, in Garfield County, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation program.

Internal Partners:

Internal partners include Dixie N.F. Supervisors Office and seasonal wildlife crew. District Wildlife Biologist, other staff, and the Powell District Ranger.

Working with the above partners, the Powell Ranger District is making significant progress towards recovery of the threatened Utah Prairie Dog (UPD). Through aggressively trapping UPD from private land and moving them to protected National Forest System lands recovery plan objectives are being implemented. During the summers of 2011 and 2012, over 500 UPD were relocated.

Partners are helping by donating equipment, time and labor to construct translocation sites. They have helped purchase materials for translocation sites, insecticides, and donated equipment with operators.



Trapping and Translocating Utah prairie dogs.



Dusting for fleas.

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