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Partnership promotes rehabilitation on the Bull Draw Fire

MONTROSE, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mule Deer Foundation and a local rancher plan to rehabilitate 6,400 acres of public lands impacted by the Bull Draw Fire. The Bull Draw Fire ignited last July, and spread across 36,553 acres near Nucla.

The project is expected to commence in early 2019. On-the-ground work will entail distributing 87,000 pounds of mixed grass and forb seed, treating noxious weed locations and repairing damaged range fencing.

“Identifying opportunities for organizations and community members to partner is critical to meeting the BLM’s multiple-use mission,” said Uncompahgre Field Office Manager Greg Larson. “This project is a shining example of shared stewardship, which benefits the environment, our communities and the local economy.”

Colorado Parks and Wildlife identified the project area as critical winter range for mule deer and a priority for rehabilitation. The project will help ensure available forage for big game species and livestock, as well as reduce the potential for erosion.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency’s mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America’s public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$96 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 468,000 jobs.

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