Fuels Management at the Landscape Scale

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Murphy Complex Livestock-Fuels Report







TARGETED GRAZING: A natural approach to vegetation management and landscape enhanceme

Literature

Targeted Grazing = The application of a specific kind of livestock at a determined season, duration, and intensity to accomplish defined vegetation or landscape goals.

Fire Effects in Seedings and Sagebrush



East Poison Butte Seeding: Fenceline Contrast



Sagebrush Steppe (GS1)

12% Dead Fuel Moisture

Carryover herbaceous fuels from previous years reduced by 50 percent (to 300 lb/acre)





Mojave Desert Initiative GOALS

- Protect Remaining Unburned Mojave Desert Vegetation and Reduce Re-burning.
- Restore Strategically Located Islands, Key Habitat Areas, and Corridors.
- Improve Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination.
- Maximize Leveraged Funding.





Juniper Burning



Pattern of Increase in One-Hour Live Fuels With Increasing Relative Tree Dominance in the Underdown Canyon Demonstraton Area, Shoshone Mountains, NV







Cheatgrass and Tumble Mustard Dominance of a Phase III, Totally Tree Dominated Site Four Years After Wildfire



Expansion Woodlands on the East Side of Mount Como, Pine Nut Mountains, Nevada

Restore New Mexico

Curtail the expansion of invasive plant species (mesquite, creosote, juniper, & salt cedar)

- Improve water quality & quantity
- Reduce impacts from catastrophic wildfire
 - Restore habitat for fish, wildlife, and endangered species
 - Defragment habitat from historic oil and gas development

Making It Happen

- Five Steps to Success...
 - Assess with partners
 - Plan with partners
 - Treat the land with partners
 - Monitor with partners



Oh yeah...did I mention the importance of partners?



Our Solutions

Addressing Critics

- Start small and grow
- Actions speak louder than words
- Provide field visits for potential partners and critics

 Listen to your critics even if they're not listening to you

- Get past obstacles with collaborative planning with many (all) partners
- Break down stovepipes with interdisciplinary planning

- Use many tools including livestock grazing management
- Use risk analysis to focus resources (e.g., phase two of PJ)
- Place responsibility for the WUI on homeowners and cities to manage ecosystems

- Focus on objectives with monitoring and adaptive management
- Use the planning and NEPA process to empower us with a broadly shared vision
- Reward the real results Landscape scale ecosystems that work

- Use site specific information and prescriptions while we think big
- Develop and use ecological site descriptions
- Strategically place fuels treatments across the landscape to reduce fire size/frequency
- Work beyond individual land ownerships

- Take risks and use fire Wildfire and fuels are not risk-free
- Use ESR to create greenstrips