# North Zone TIDs

## Fiscal 2022/2023

### Treatment: Overland Ditch Hazard Tree Removal

**District:** Paonia

Proposed Treatment Acres: 250

Planned Treatment Acres: 150

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Hazard tree removal

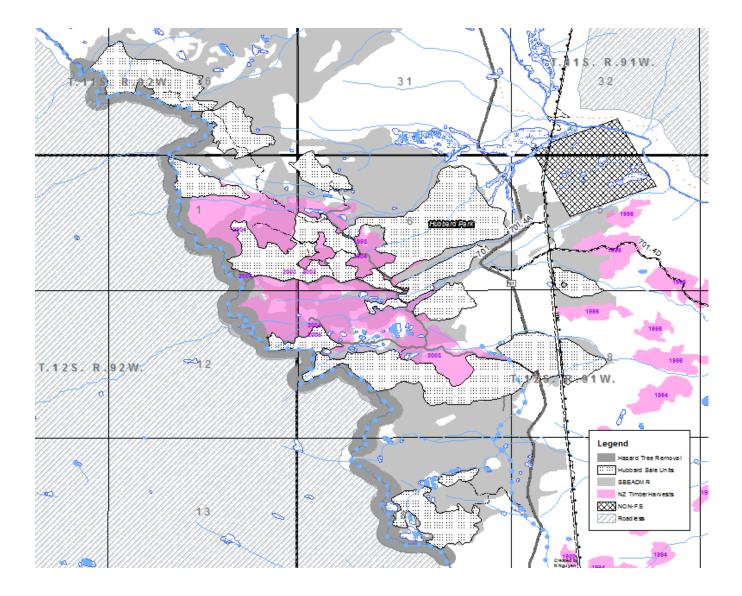
**Desired Condition:** 300ft. hazard tree buffer along Overland Ditch within the Hubbard Timber Sale boundary.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: No road construction will be needed.

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Fens, flowages, reservoirs
- Range fence line in area, may need to manage livestock post-treatment
- Snowmobile trails in area

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## Fiscal 2022

### Treatment: Atkinson (portion of the area known as Weir & Johnson)

**District:** Grand Valley

Proposed Treatment Acres: 2420 (whole Weir & Johnson area)

Planned Treatment Acres: laid out acres ~670

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Silviculture: Resiliency Treatment, individual tree marking; minor portion salvage to open canopy for regeneration and increase specie composition, create uneven aged stands. Fuels: removal and fuel loading reduction; Wildlife: retention of high quality hare habitat; provide hare, marten, and lynx denning habitat; Snag retention, and landscape-scale habitat connectivity; Post Harvest: Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Road maintenance.

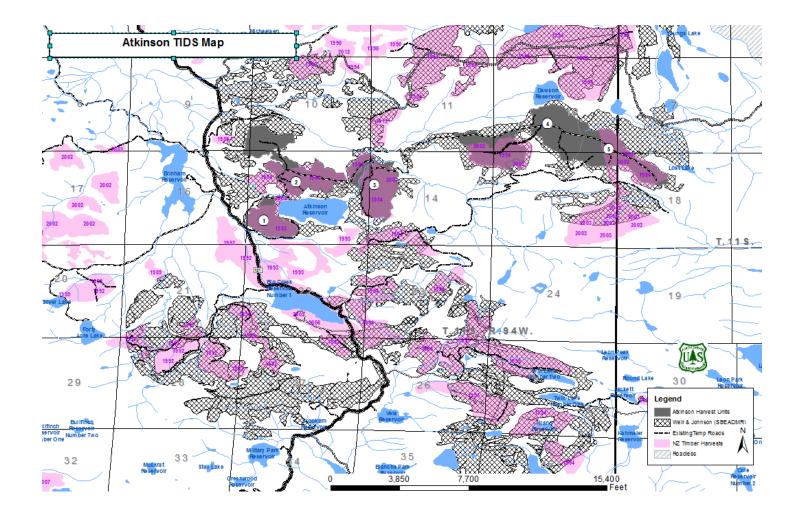
Desired Condition: Increase uneven-aged stand structure, increased species composition, continue with original stand prescription.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: An unknown miles of road will be needed, new temp roads will be decommissioned. This area was previously harvested; we plan to re-use existing road system, don't anticipate many new roads.

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Fens (Cooper's Fen is in the area notes to remove snowmobile/ATV route to avoid this area) flowages, reservoirs
- Snowmobile, ATV 4wd Trails
- Campground, high use area
- Archeological sites to avoid

Weir & Johnson area had stand exam done in summer 2020. In conjunction with that data and previous harvest data we narrowed down the probable units and carved out the Atkinson TS. The hatched areas on the map were analyzed in SBEADMR and purple represents previous harvests.



## Fiscal 2022

### Treatment: Muddy Aspen

**District:** Paonia

Proposed Treatment Acres: 660

Planned Treatment Acres: 159

Cover Type: Aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Regeneration of young aspen stands. Improvement of cover and foraging habitat for elk and moose and cover for deer. Fuels removal and fuel loading reduction. Provide personal use fuelwood for public.

Desired Condition: Healthy, fully stocked aspen regeneration

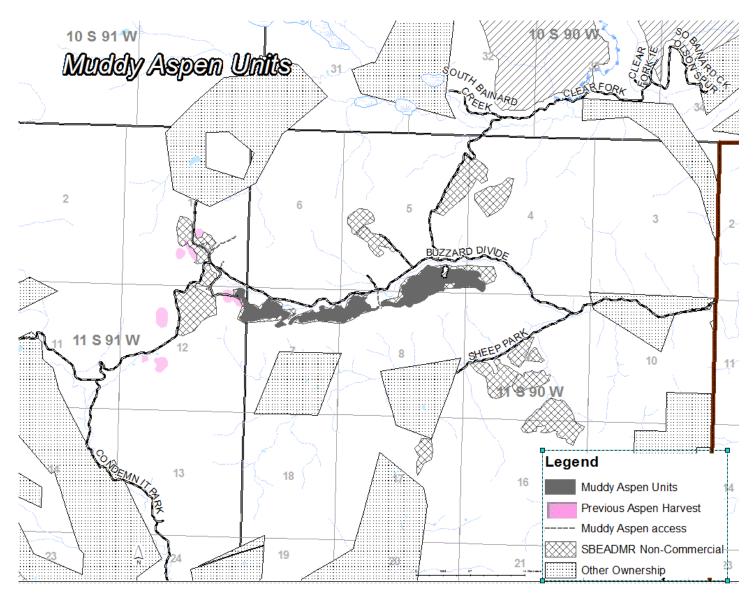
Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: <1 mile, Units are roadside or have existing access

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

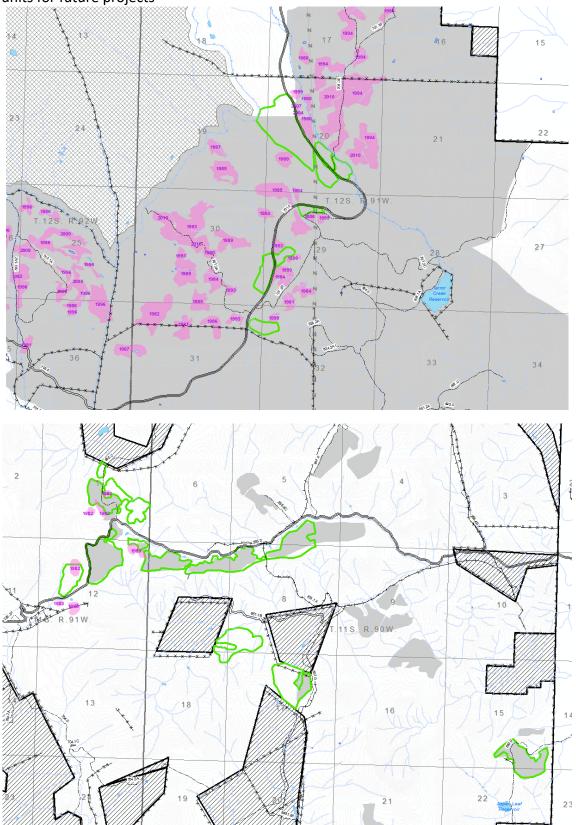
- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Presence nearby of nesting purple martins and raptors (mostly red-tailed hawks)
- Ditches in area
- Range fence lines in area
- Snowmobile trails in area
- Powerline in area

SAD aspen units which the wildlife biologist planned for hydro-axing or other mechanical treatment in order to regenerate areas of young aspen for cover and forage for big game, and to provide for future mature aspen across the landscape. Recently found potential use as bio-energy.

Laid out units to be offered as a service/timber contract in an agreement with National Forest Foundation



Other ID'd units for future projects



## Fiscal 2023

### Treatment: Bald (Ferrier Ridge)

**District:** Paonia

Proposed Treatment Acres: 1500

Planned Treatment Acres: 1000

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Silviculture: Resiliency Treatment, group selection & modified shelterwood; minor portion salvage to open canopy for regeneration and increase specie composition, create uneven aged stands. Fuels: removal and fuel loading reduction; Wildlife: retention of high quality hare habitat; provide hare, marten, and lynx denning habitat; Snag retention, and landscape-scale habitat connectivity; Post Harvest: Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Road maintenance. Long term monitoring.

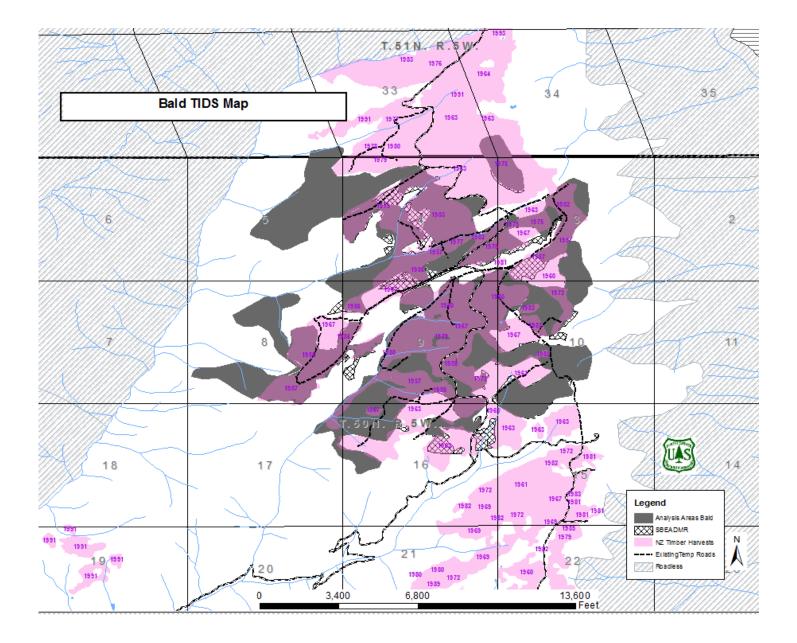
Desired Condition: Increase uneven-aged stand structure, increased species composition, continue with original stand prescription.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: ~3 miles. The roads will be decommissioned. Much of this area was previously harvested; we plan to re-use existing road system, don't anticipate many new roads.

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Fens, flowages, ditches in area (cutthroat trout in area)
- Range fence line in area
- Snowmobile & hiking trails in area

Treatment design is being established through public field trips and in coordination with the CSU Science team, planning long term monitoring for real time data to be used in future prescriptions. Bald area had stand exam done in the summer of 2019.



## Fiscal 2023

### Treatment: Leon (portion of the area known as Weir & Johnson)

### **District:** Grand Valley

Proposed Treatment Acres: 2420 (whole Weir & Johnson area)

Planned Treatment Acres: laid out acres ~702

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Silviculture: Resiliency Treatment, individual tree marking; minor portion salvage to open canopy for regeneration and increase specie composition, create uneven aged stands. Fuels: removal and fuel loading reduction; Wildlife: retention of high quality hare habitat; provide hare, marten, and lynx denning habitat; Snag retention, and landscape-scale habitat connectivity; Post Harvest: Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Road maintenance.

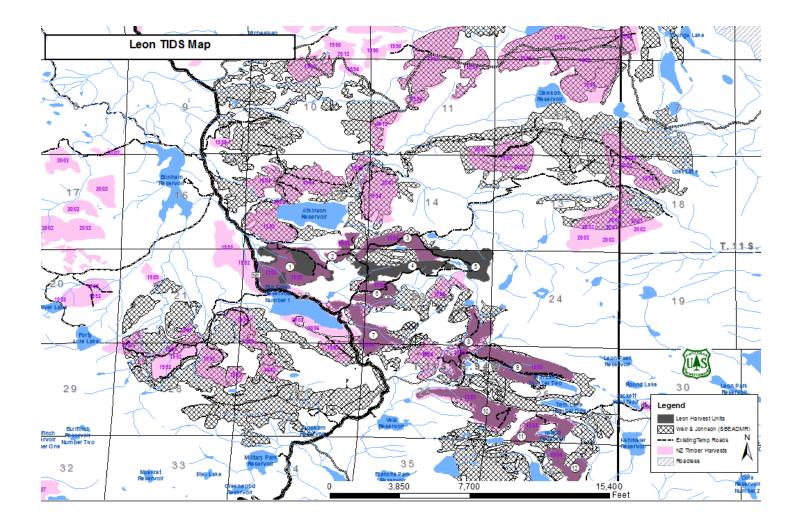
Desired Condition: Increase uneven-aged stand structure, increased species composition, continue with original stand prescription.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: An unknown miles of road will be needed, new temp roads will be decommissioned. This area was previously harvested; we plan to re-use existing road system, don't anticipate many new roads.

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Fens (Leonna Fen is in the area, near Unit 3 –avoid this area) flowages, reservoirs
- Snowmobile, ATV 4wd Trails
- Campground, high use area
- Archeological sites to avoid

Weir & Johnson area had stand exam done in summer 2020. In conjunction with that data and previous harvest data we narrowed down the probable units and carved out the Leon TS. The hatched areas on the map were analyzed in SBEADMR and purple represents previous harvests.



### Fiscal 2024

### Treatment: Black Mesa Leftovers

**District:** Paonia

Proposed Treatment Acres: 1140

Planned Treatment Acres: ~1000 (no layout or recon has been completed)

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

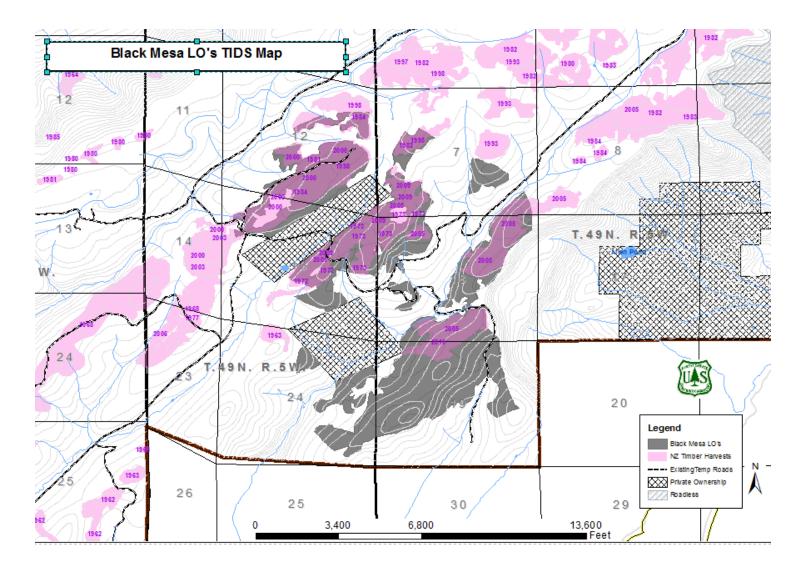
Integrated Treatment Objectives: Silviculture: Resiliency Treatment, group selection & modified shelterwood; minor portion salvage to open canopy for regeneration and increase specie composition, create uneven aged stands. Fuels: removal and fuel loading reduction; Wildlife: retention of high quality hare habitat; provide hare, marten, and lynx denning habitat; Snag retention, and landscape-scale habitat connectivity; Post Harvest: Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Road maintenance.

Desired Condition: Increase uneven-aged stand structure, increased species composition, continue with original stand prescription.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: An unknown miles of road will be needed, the roads will be decommissioned. This area was previously harvested; we plan to re-use existing road system, don't anticipate many new roads.

### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Flowages, reservoirs
- Snowmobile, ATV 4wd Trails
- Private Lands Adjacent



### Fiscal 2024

Treatment: Main Mesa Leftovers (Youngs Creek)

**District:** Grand Valley

Proposed Treatment Acres: 3445 (analysis acres)

Planned Treatment Acres: ~1000 (no layout or recon has been completed)

Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Silviculture: Resiliency Treatment, group selection & modified shelterwood; minor portion salvage to open canopy for regeneration and increase specie composition, create uneven aged stands. Fuels: removal and fuel loading reduction; Wildlife: retention of high quality hare habitat; provide hare, marten, and lynx denning habitat; Snag retention, and landscape-scale habitat connectivity; Post Harvest: Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Road maintenance.

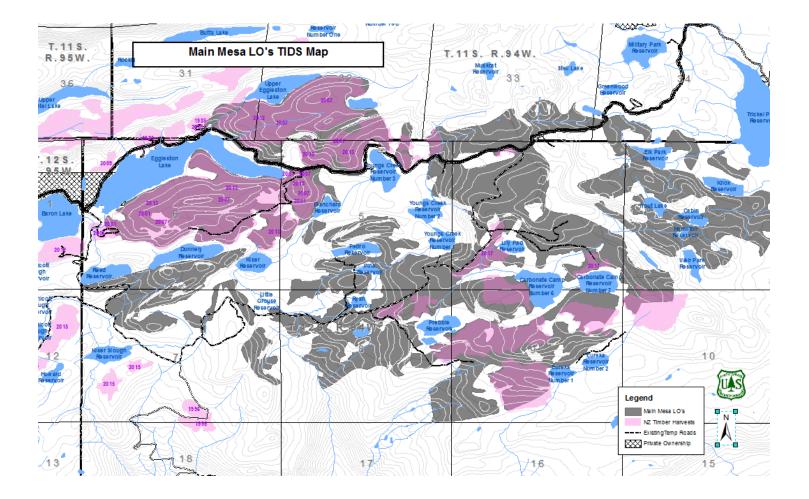
Desired Condition: Increase uneven-aged stand structure, increased species composition, continue with original stand prescription.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: An unknown miles of road will be needed, the roads will be decommissioned. This area has some previously harvested; we plan to re-use existing road system.

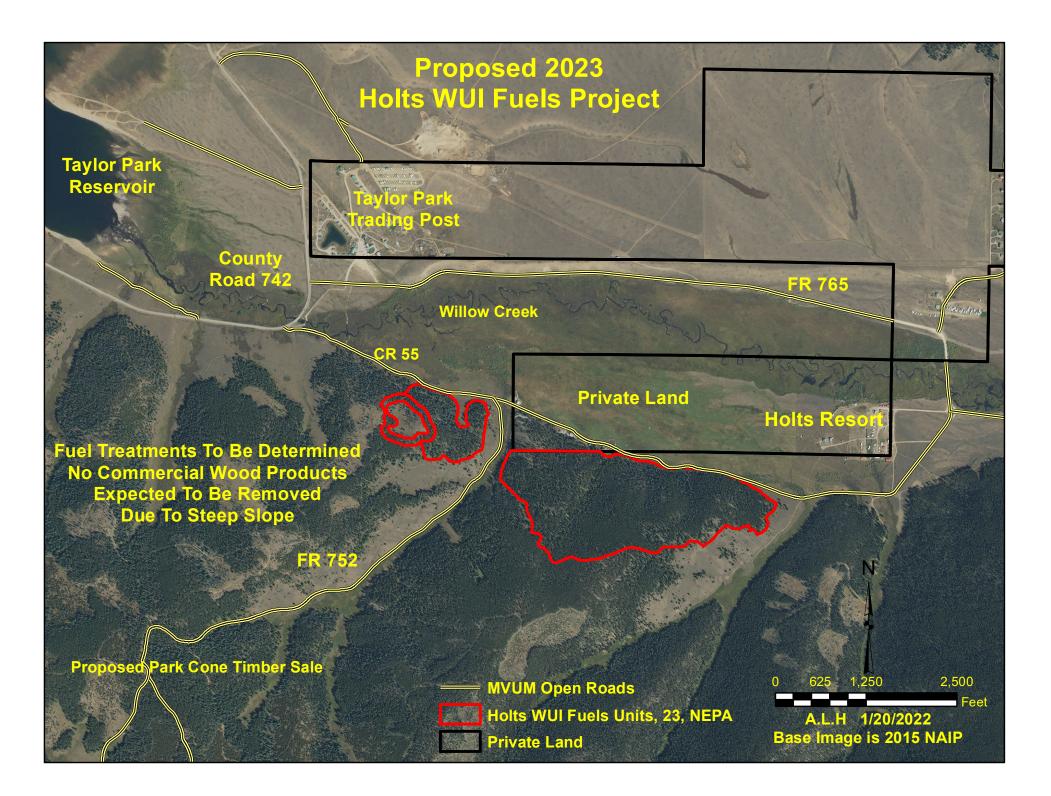
#### Known Design Feature Triggers:

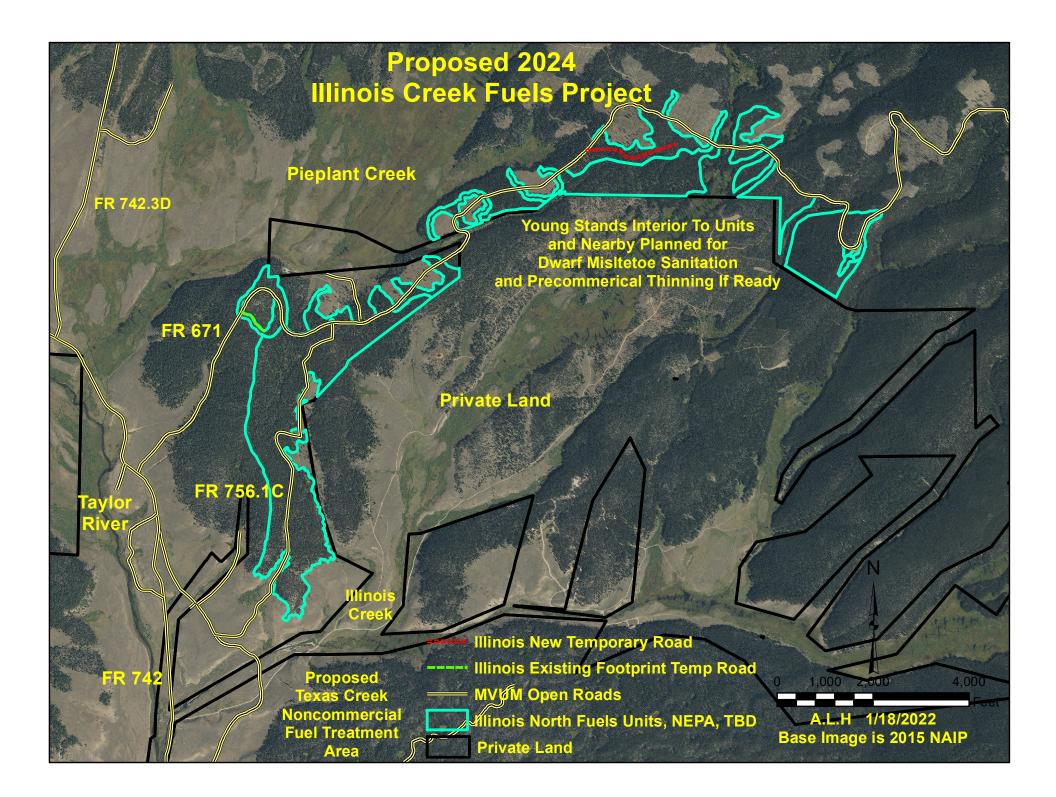
- Maintaining habitat connectivity
- Will monitor for Goshawk, American marten
- Flowages, reservoirs
- Snowmobile, ATV 4wd Trails
- Private Lands Adjacent

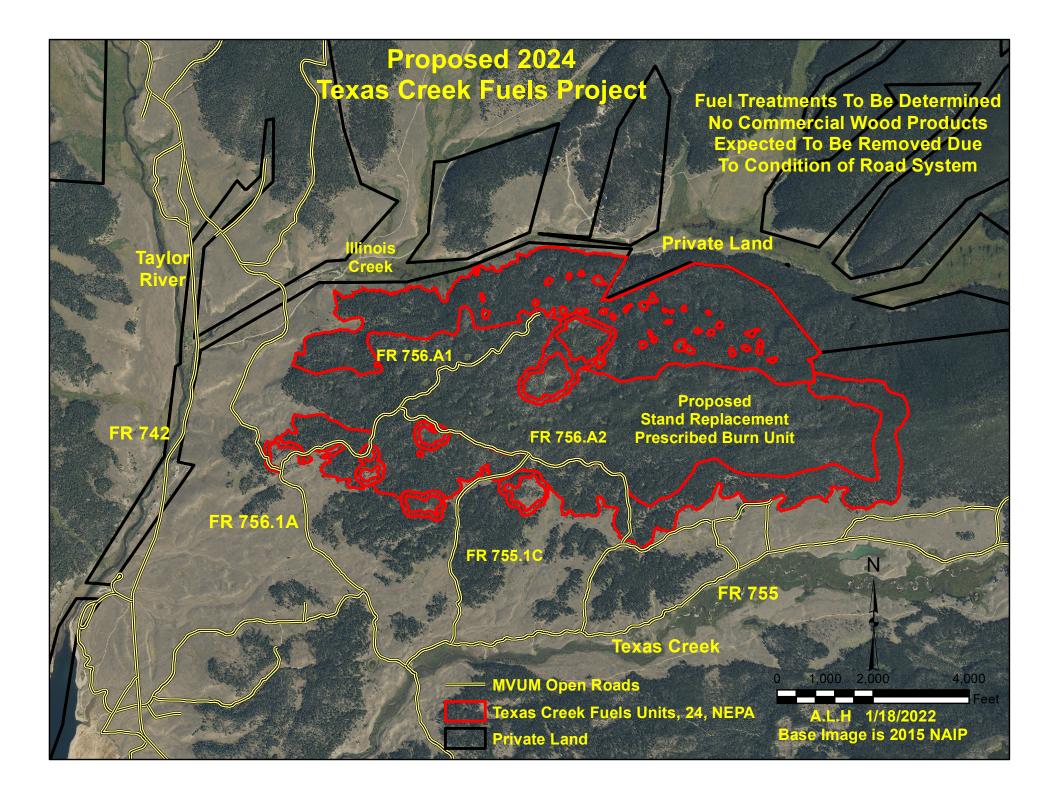
The grey areas on the map were analyzed in SBEADMR and purple represents previous harvests.



## East Zone TIDs







## West Zone TIDs

Treatment: Telluride Ski Area-Telski Timber Sale District: Norwood

#### Proposed Acres: 460\*

\*Estimates only, values can change prior to final numbers that will result after field preparation. Implementation of these proposed units will depend upon uncertain funding levels. Currently, it is estimated that the work will take 1-3 years.

### Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Recovery and Resiliency Treatment. Generate and maintain multiple stories of healthy trees, maintain shade tolerant species on higher elevation terrain, shift species composition to promote Douglas-fir and aspen on the lower slopes adjacent to Telluride, remove dead and dying trees and protect advanced regeneration, decrease potential surface fire intensity via reduced surface fuels, reduce potential for crown fire by reducing canopy continuity, within 200' of infrastructure in WUI reduce potential for crown fire and ember sources by reducing ladder fuels, stimulate aspen regeneration to reduce potential wildfire intensity, mitigate hazard trees along popular hiking and skiing trails, improve skiing opportunities.

Desired Condition: Promote multi-aged stand structure and long-term stand resiliency by reducing spruce bark beetle hazard rating, promoting aspen regeneration, and promoting Douglas-fir. Reduce live basal area by no more than 40%.

### Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: None

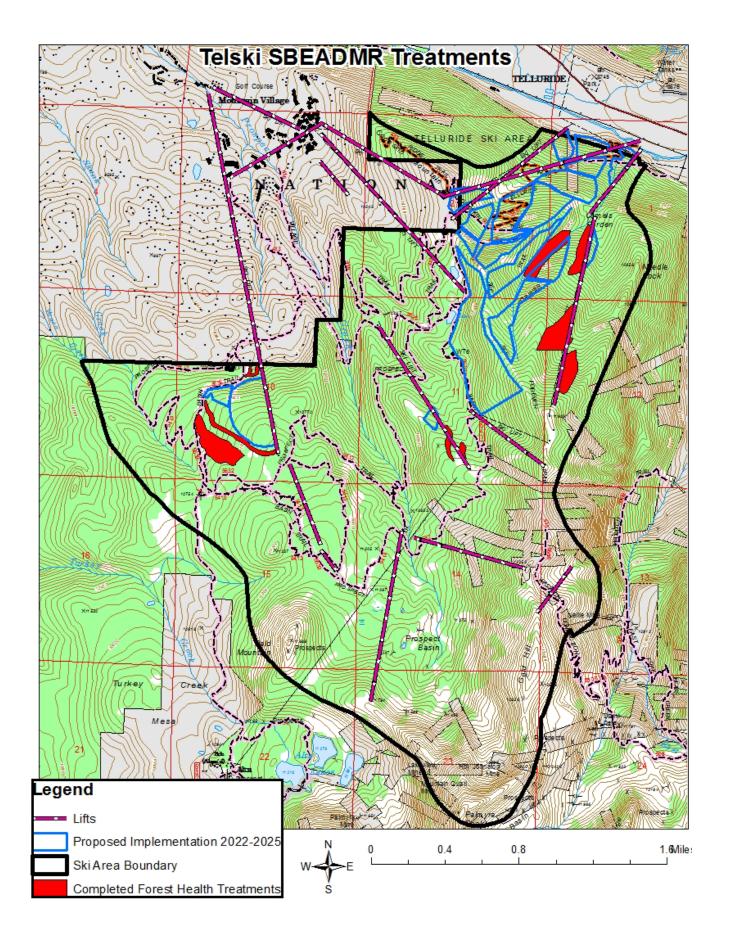
### Known Design Feature Triggers:

- Coordination with Ski Area Permit Administrator
- Visual Resources considerations and guidelines

### **Cumulative Watershed Disturbance**

### Lynx Analysis Unit (LAU): 62 Iron Mountain

Technical Contact: Todd Gardiner; todd.gardiner@usda.gov; 970-240-5401



## Fiscal 2023

### Treatment: East Beaver

District: Norwood

Proposed Treatment Acres: 500

Planned Treatment Acres: A pproximately 350

#### Cover Type: Spruce/fir/aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Recovery/Resiliency Treatments; Reduce fuel loading and connectivity; Increase forage opportunity; Increase habitat diversity; Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Promote natural regeneration / DHC; Road Maintenance; Reduce roadside hazards along NFSR 618; Provide commercial forest products to local independent industries

**Desired Condition:** For Aspen cover type, stimulate robust sprouting of aspen and create stands that are more resilient to on-going and future drought conditions and climate change. The goal is to mimic natural disturbance patterns resulting from a stand replacing event. For Mixed Conifer cover type, generate and maintain multiple stories. Shift species composition toward drought-resistant, shade intolerant species.

### Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: TBD in planning phase

### **Known Design Feature Triggers**

- Areas of high weed potential
- Water Influence Zones
- Soils
- Dispersed camping area/outfitter guides/Snowmobile club

### Cumulative Watershed Disturbance

Lynx Analysis Units (LAUs):

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## Fiscal 2022

### **Treatment: Ground Hog**

**District: Norwood** 

Proposed Treatment Acres: 173

Planned Treatment Acres: 173

Cover Type: Spruce/fir

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Recovery/Resiliency Treatments; Reduce fuel loading and connectivity; Increase forage opportunity; Increase habitat diversity; Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Promote natural regeneration / DHC; Provide commercial forest products to local independent industries

**Desired Condition:** Generate and maintain multiple stories. Shift species composition toward drought-resistant, shade intolerant species.

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: 1 mile of new construction

### **Known Design Feature Triggers**

- Areas of high weed potential
- Water Influence Zones
- Soils
- Dispersed camping area/outfitter guides/Snowmobile Club

### **Cumulative Watershed Disturbance**

		Ground Hog Treatment Acres						
Watershed	Acres of	Baseline	Acres of	Acres of	Reasonable	Cumulative	Exceeds	
	National	disturbance	temporary	harvest <sup>3</sup>	foreseeable <sup>4</sup>	Disturbance	20%	
	Forest	acres <sup>1</sup>	road <sup>2</sup>			(%)	trigger	
	Lands						in EIS?	

<sup>1</sup>Existing infrastructure and roads weighted at 100% disturbance (1 acres = 1 acre) plus past vegetation disturbance weighted at 25% disturbance (4 acres = 1 acre of disturbance).

<sup>2</sup>One mile of road construction = 4.8 acres of disturbance.

<sup>3</sup>Vegetation management disturbance weighted at 25% disturbance (4 acres = 1 acres)

<sup>4</sup>Reasonable foreseeable vegetation disturbances weighted at 25% disturbance (4 acres = 1 acre).

### Lynx Analysis Units (LAUs):

			Ground Hog Treatment Acres							
Lynx Analysis	Total	Baseline	Acres	Acres of	Reasonable	Cumulative	Exceeds			
Unit	Acres	disturbance	of	harvest	foreseeable <sup>4</sup>	Disturbance	25%			
	of lynx	acres and	road <sup>2</sup>	converting		(%)	trigger			
	habitat	percent		to			in EIS?			
		unsuitable <sup>1</sup>		unsuitable <sup>3</sup>						

<sup>1</sup>Existing infrastructure and roads weighted at 100% disturbance (1 acres = 1 acre) plus past vegetation disturbance weighted at 25% disturbance (4 acres = 1 acre of disturbance).

<sup>2</sup>One mile of road construction = 4.8 acres of disturbance or conversion of 4.8 acres of lynx habitat to unsuitable.

<sup>3</sup>In single storied stands with high overstory mortality, lynx habitat is considered unsuitable and therefore logging will not make the stand "more unsuitable" but are included in the cumulative disturbance calculations. In multi-storied stands with live understory, the lynx habitat is considered suitable but will be diminished through harvest. Incidental loss is calculated at 15% for green harvest and 25% for salvage.

<sup>4</sup>Reasonable foreseeable vegetation disturbances weighted at 25% disturbance (4 acres = 1 acre).

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## Fiscal 2022

Treatment: JJJJ Springs Small Sale

District: Ouray Ranger District

Proposed Treatment Acres: 100 – 250. Project in planning phase

Planned Treatment Acres: 100 – 250. Project in planning phase

Cover Type: Mixed Conifer with Aspen

### Integrated Treatment Objectives:

Stimulate Aspen Sprouting; Reduce fuel loading and connectivity; Increase forage opportunity; Increase habitat diversity; Meet post-harvest tree stocking objectives; Promote natural regeneration / DHC; Road Maintenance; Reduce roadside hazards along adjacent National Forest Service Roads; Provide forest products to local independent industries

Desired Condition: Generate and maintain multiple stories. Shift species composition toward drought-resistant, shade intolerant species. Stimulate Aspen Sprouting

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: TBD. Less than one mile.

Known Design Feature Triggers:

Technical Contact: Joseph Gonzales; joseph.f.gonzales@usda.gov; 970-240-5417

## Fiscal 2022

Treatment: Turkey Plot non-commercial aspen regen

District: Norwood

Proposed Treatment Acres: 450

Planned Treatment Acres: 450

Cover Type: Pondo pine/Aspen

Integrated Treatment Objectives: Aspen resiliency, range improvement, wildlife habitat

Desired Condition: FR3/CC2

Estimated Miles of Temporary Road Construction: 0

Known Design Feature Triggers: Range fence infrastructures, range permit timing Technical Contact: Eric Brantingham