Manti-La Sal National Forest Fire Rehabilitation Program

2005 Accomplishments

This project involved the growing and planting of native shrubs, within burned areas of the Hang Dog and North Horn Fires which burned in the summer of 2002. Planting sites were chosen where native shrubs had been growing, before the fires, and where shrub mortality was high. Natural revegetation of these sites would have been a slow process. The planting of the native shrubs will help slow soil erosion, create wildlife habitat and browse, and create micro sites allowing for natural herbaceous revegetation.

The Hang Dog Fire burned approximately 6,000 acres through ponderosa pine, pinyon / juniper, mountain shrub, and oakbrush communities. Four thousand native shrubs (bitterbrush, serviceberry, cliff-rose, woods' rose, and Vasey's sagebrush) were planted in the spring of 2005. Four weeks after the planting, the shrubs had an excellent survival rate of 93%.

The North Horn Fire, was a smaller fire that, burned approximately 700 acres through Douglas fir, aspen, sagebrush and mountain shrub communities. Four thousand native shrubs (bitterbrush, birchleaf mountain mahogany, and cliff-rose) were planted in the spring of 2005. Four weeks after the planting, these shrubs as well had an excellent survival rate of 93%.



Utah serviceberry -1,500 planted for rehabilitation of burned area.



Bitterbrush -3,400 planted for rehabilitation of burned areas.

Year Awarded: 2004

Project Status: Complete

Project Cost: \$23,600.00

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