

WHAT IS THE CWDG?

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant is a national program that helps communities plan for and reduce wildfire risk. In 2024, a team of Moab organizations was awarded \$5.2 million to jumpstart a long-term fire fuels mitigation campaign centered around the Mill and Pack creek corridors and the Matheson Wetlands.

WHO

Rim to Rim Restoration and the **Moab Valley Fire Department**, in partnership with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands; Grand County; the City of Moab; The Nature Conservancy; and more.

WHAT

Hazardous fuels reduction — mainly **thinning overgrown vegetation** like Russian olive and tamarisk and **mowing fine fuels** like cheatgrass — and in some cases revegetating with native plants.

WHEN

Funds run from **2024 to 2029**, but the project aims to jumpstart a long-term community campaign around reducing fire risk.

WHERE

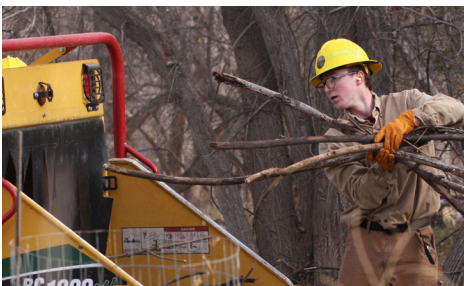
Properties considered “high-hazard” within a **half-mile of Mill or Pack creek** in Grand County — with emphasis on **high-density or underserved areas** — and the eastern side of the Matheson Wetlands.

WHY

Fire risk is high in creek corridors and other overgrown areas. The dense corridors could **spread fire like a wick** through Moab and Spanish Valley, while fine fuels anywhere can feed fast-moving blazes.

HOW

After assessing properties for suitability and getting landowner consent, crews will clear or thin overgrown vegetation. Crews mainly use **chainsaws and chippers** and sometimes controlled burns.



Left and center, a CWDG-funded crew thins a stand of invasive trees in Dec. 2024; right, fine fuels line Mill Creek, March 2021.

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