

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE GRANT & GRAND COUNTY WEED DEPARTMENT

The nuts & bolts

- Grant specifies \$347,540 to Grand County Weed Dept. over five years for “dedicated labor to treat weed species including olives, ravenna grass and others, developing an **urban weed fire fuel reducing staff position** to assist with this work after the grant period is over”
- Work may include fine fuel management through mowing or herbicide application and will focus on Moab and Spanish Valley
- Full-time employee planned to be hired at \$25-30/hour
- The grant may also fund a **vehicle lease** for the employee



How fire fuels removal can benefit Weed Dept.

- CWDG staff will help develop **evergreen outreach materials** for Weed Dept.
- Weed Dept. will be supported in developing landowner recommendations and best management practices to **reduce urban weeds year after year**
- This work will spur a long-term reduction in urban weeds, lightening the Weed Dept.’s workload while providing an **extremely visible and hyper-local** community service

How the Weed Dept. can aid fire fuels removal

- A Weed Dept. employee will provide needed expertise, especially with **herbicide application** for ladder fuels removal
- The employee can help develop long-term mapping and control techniques and teach residents how to **reduce their annual weed loads** year after year
- The employee may also collaborate on site visits and scopes of work