

**AGENDA ITEM # X.**

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REVIEWS**

**AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS  
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V**

**NOTIFICATION - Supportive**

**March 11, 2015**

**1. Title: JOHN'S VALLEY RABBIT BRUSH REMOVAL - RANGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT # 595**

**Applicant: Trust Lands Administration**

**Description: A SITLA grazing permittee proposes to mow 92 acres of rabbit brush followed by treatment of herbicide on trust lands in Johns Valley in Garfield County. The purpose of the project is to increase the amount of forage for livestock. The project is being planned and cost-share funded through the USDA NRCS. A cultural resource survey will be conducted prior to the project taking place.**

<b>Funding:</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>SAI #</u></b>
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>47164</b>
			<b>Received 2/26/2015</b>

**Comments: Garfield County is supportive of the proposed vegetative treatment. They maintain the position that the grazing of livestock is the highest and best use of many lands within their county's borders, and that cattle grazing has long been part of their local culture. They support efforts, in particular, to remove rabbit brush as it out-competes other plants that can provide habitat and feed for wild and domestic animals. (Gary Zabriskie)**