



UTAH'S WATERSHED RESTORATION INITIATIVE UPDATE FY 25-26



HABITAT PROJECTS COMPLETED

UTAH'S WATERSHED RESTORATION INITIATIVE BY THE NUMBERS

FISCAL YEAR 2025

120 Projects Completed

\$31 Million

142 Stream Miles Improved

Total Funding Invested
\$9 Million State, \$19 Million Federal
\$2 Million Sportsman Groups
\$1 Million Other

144,433

63+ Funding Partners

Total Acres Restored
13,960 Fire Rehab, 130,473 Proactive
60% Federal, 34% State, 6% Private

66,895 Acres of New Class III Cultural Resource Inventory

292 New Culturally Significant Sites Added to the Historical Record

743,787 Lbs. of Seed Mixed and Applied

539 Estimated Jobs Created

\$75 Million

Total Economic Output

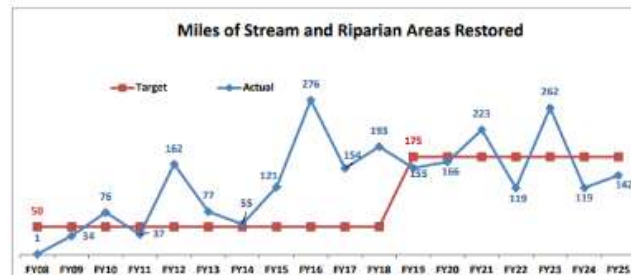
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(5) Performance metrics that demonstrate the initiative's impact and effectiveness.

The following two graphics show the remaining performance metrics, in addition to match ratio, that WRI has tracked since FY08. These measures help demonstrate the initiative's overall impact and effectiveness. From FY08 through FY19, the amounts include both proactive restoration projects as well as post-fire restoration projects. From FY20 through FY25 post-fire restoration has been excluded from the measure.



UTAH'S WATERSHED RESTORATION INITIATIVE BY THE NUMBERS

SINCE 2006 WRI LAUNCH

2,970 Total Projects Completed

\$456 Million

2,792 Stream Miles Improved

Total Funding Invested
\$145 Million State, \$289 Million Federal
\$32 Million Conservation Groups
\$22 Million Other

2.9 Million

7,934 Estimated Jobs Created

Total Acres Restored
33% Fire Rehab, 67% Proactive
66% Federal, 20% State, 14% Private

Over 1 Billion

873,879 Acres of New Class III Cultural Resource Inventory

Total Economic Output

11,792 New Culturally Significant Sites Added to the Historical Record

800+

16,089,510

Funding Partners

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WHAT MAKES WRI SUCCESSFUL?

- State-led Partnership
 - Bottom-Up Approach
 - Regional Ranking
 - Cross Boundary Partnership
 - State Contracting
 - 20 Years of Experience
 - Skilled Practitioners
 - Led by Biologists
 - WRI/DWR Administration
 - Matching Funding
 - DWR monitoring



MECHANICAL THINNING JUNIPERS

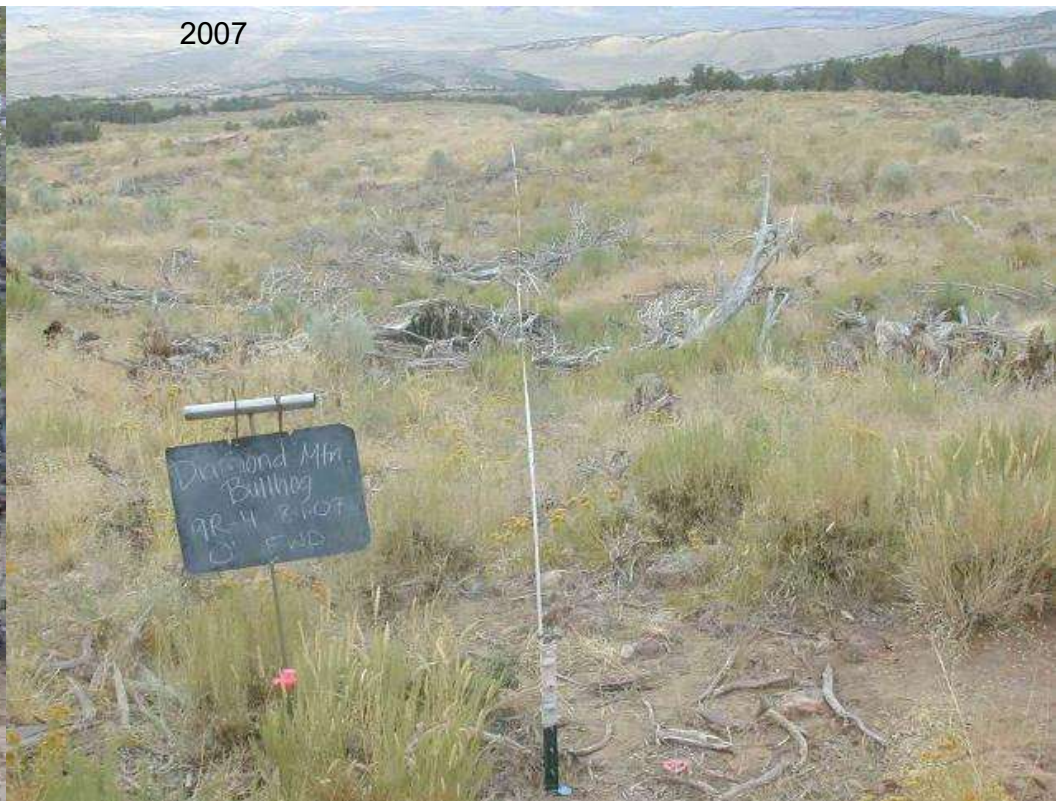
Before Thinning

2004



3 Years After Thinning

2007

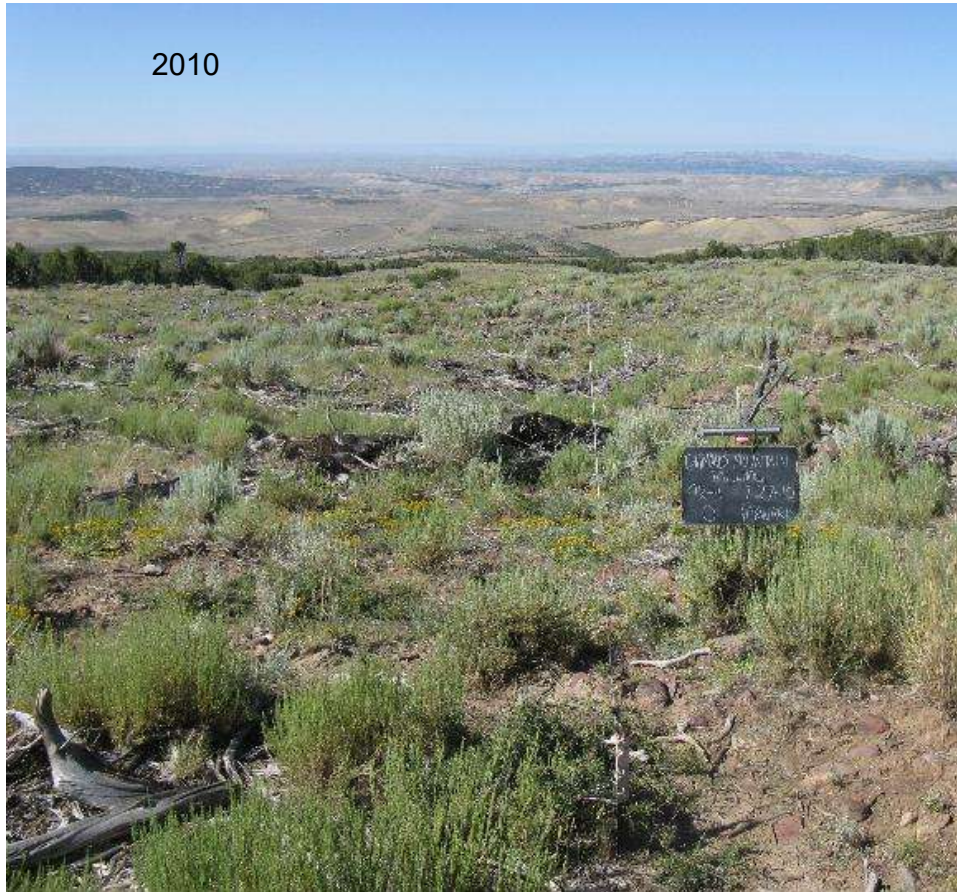


MECHANICAL THINNING JUNIPER

6 Years After Thinning- Native Shrubs Growing Back

16 Years After Thinning-Ideal Mule Deer Habitat Restored

2010



2020



THINNING CONIFER TREES TO RESTORE ASPEN AND UNDERSTORY

BEFORE



AFTER



HAND PILE AND BURN CONIFER



PREScribed FIRE



PRESCRIBED FIRE BEFORE AND AFTER

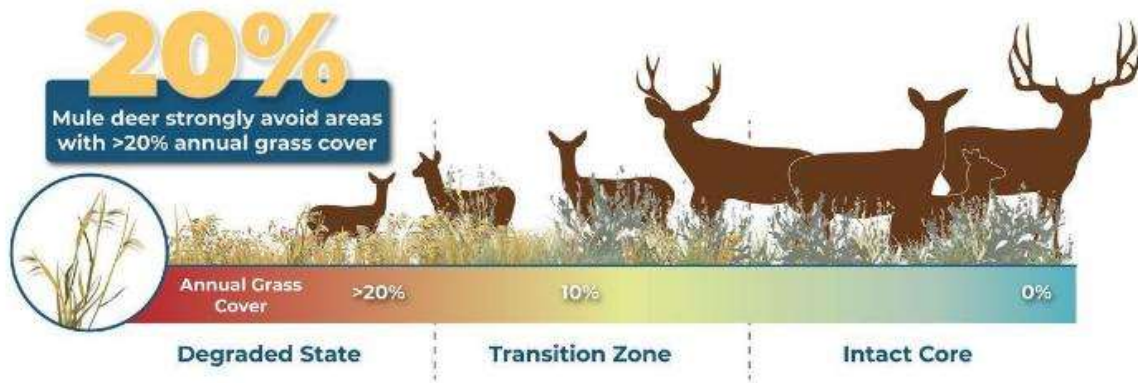
2011



2016



INVASIVE WEED REMOVAL



CHEATGRASS - HERBICIDE

BEFORE



AFTER



SEEDLING PLANTING



SEEDING PROJECTS



CATASTROPHIC FIRE REHABILITATION



DROUGHT MITIGATION RIPARIAN WORK





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND FUNDING FY 27

\$5.9 million appropriation from Utah Legislature

This funding matched to total of **\$36 million** for FY 27

UDWR contributed **\$3.4 million** from hunting and fishing license sales

Hunting Expo Tags and Sportsmen Groups Contributed **\$6.5 million**

BLM, USFS, other federal agencies contributed

New Partner- Utah Forest Restoration Institute:

Given \$2.5 million by Legislature and they gave WRI \$1.75 million to implement projects.

CENTRAL REGION FUNDED PROJECTS FY 27

Funded Projects		
<u>7894</u>	Utah Lake Shoreline Restoration (FY2027)	Central
<u>7690</u>	Soldier Creek Watershed Restoration Project FY 27	Central
<u>7772</u>	Wasatch Front Watershed Restoration FY27	Central
<u>7863</u>	Spring City Watershed Restoration FY 27-29	Central
<u>7861</u>	Central Region Riparian Restoration FY27	Central
<u>7751</u>	Lower American Fork Watershed Restoration FY27	Central
<u>7929</u>	Dugway Proving Ground Range Restoration FY27	Central
<u>7957</u>	Lake Hill (Manti-La Sal NF) Angler Access and Habitat Improvement Phase II	Central
<u>7759</u>	Canyon View Park Pond Habitat and Access Improvements Phase I	Central
<u>7936</u>	CRO USFS/DWR Partner Habitat Biologist FY27	Central
<u>7763</u>	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY27	Central
<u>7777</u>	Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY27	Central
<u>7805</u>	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY27	Central
<u>7347</u>	Oak Creek Watershed Restoration	Central
<u>7915</u>	Goshen Valley Bullhog	Central
<u>7862</u>	Gateway South Big Game Mitigation FY27	Central
<u>7730</u>	Lower Provo River Watershed Restoration Project FY27	Central

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