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## STEERING COMMITTEE REVIEW

### AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

**RECOMMENDATION - Supportive**

**June 10, 2020**

#### **1. Range Improvement Project (RIP) 839 — Hamlin Valley Fuels Reduction, SITLA Project # RDCC 74183**

**Sponsor: Utah School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)**

**Note: The lead agency for the project is Utah Forestry, Fire, & State Lands (FF&SL)**

**Description:** It is proposed to remove about 320 acres of thick younger pinyon and juniper trees. The site will be seeded with perennial grasses and forbs which are less likely to carry a fire. This project will connect to an existing firebreak increasing its effectiveness. The removal method is chaining.

Project should reduce the chances of catastrophic wildfires. May possibly result in smaller wildfires.

**Funding: Amount Agency Project #  
N/A SITLA 72583**

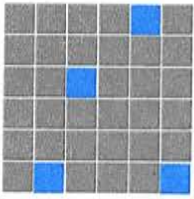
**Notice of this project was received by the AOG on 05/20/2020**

#### **COMMENTS:**

Iron County was contacted regarding this proposed fuels reduction project in the Hamlin Valley area. Iron County indicated that they support the proposed project to reduce fuel loads in this area to protect from large-scale catastrophic wildfires. Iron County understands that this project will tie into other existing projects and help expand the fire buffer, and result in better range management

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO STEERING COMMITTEE:**

**Staff recommends that the Steering Committee support this SITLA initiated project.**



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RE: Range Improvement Project (RIP) 839 – Hamlin Valley Fuels Reduction,  
RDCC 74183

Dear Executive Director:

This letter is to inform you that the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) has recently submitted a Range Improvement Project (RIP #839) proposal to the RDCC registry which is located within your Association of Governments jurisdiction.

Enclosed please find a map and the general information regarding the project proposal. This can also be found in the RDCC Project Management System.

Review this information at your convenience, and if you should you have any questions please call me at 435-896-2559

Sincerely

Scott Chamberlain  
Renewable Resource Specialist

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Enclosed: RDCC project submission  
Map

## Project #74183

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### Key Info:

Sponsor: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Title of Action: Hamlin Valley Fuels Reduction (RIP 839)

Project Start Date: 09/07/2020

Location: T31S, R18W, SECTION 16

Location/Supplemental Attachment:

 RIP 839.pdf

Counties: Iron

Has local government been contacted? Yes

Date Local Government was Contacted: 05/12/2020

Acquisition: No

Date of Acquisition: N/A

Have the state representative and state senator been contacted? No

### Project abstract:

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### Local government's response?

None yet

### How is the local government(s) likely to be impacted?

Project should reduce the chances of catastrophic wildfires.

### Possible significant impacts likely to occur:

Possibly smaller wildfires.

### Consistency Review

No Consistency Review Document

### Record of Decision

No Record of Decision Document

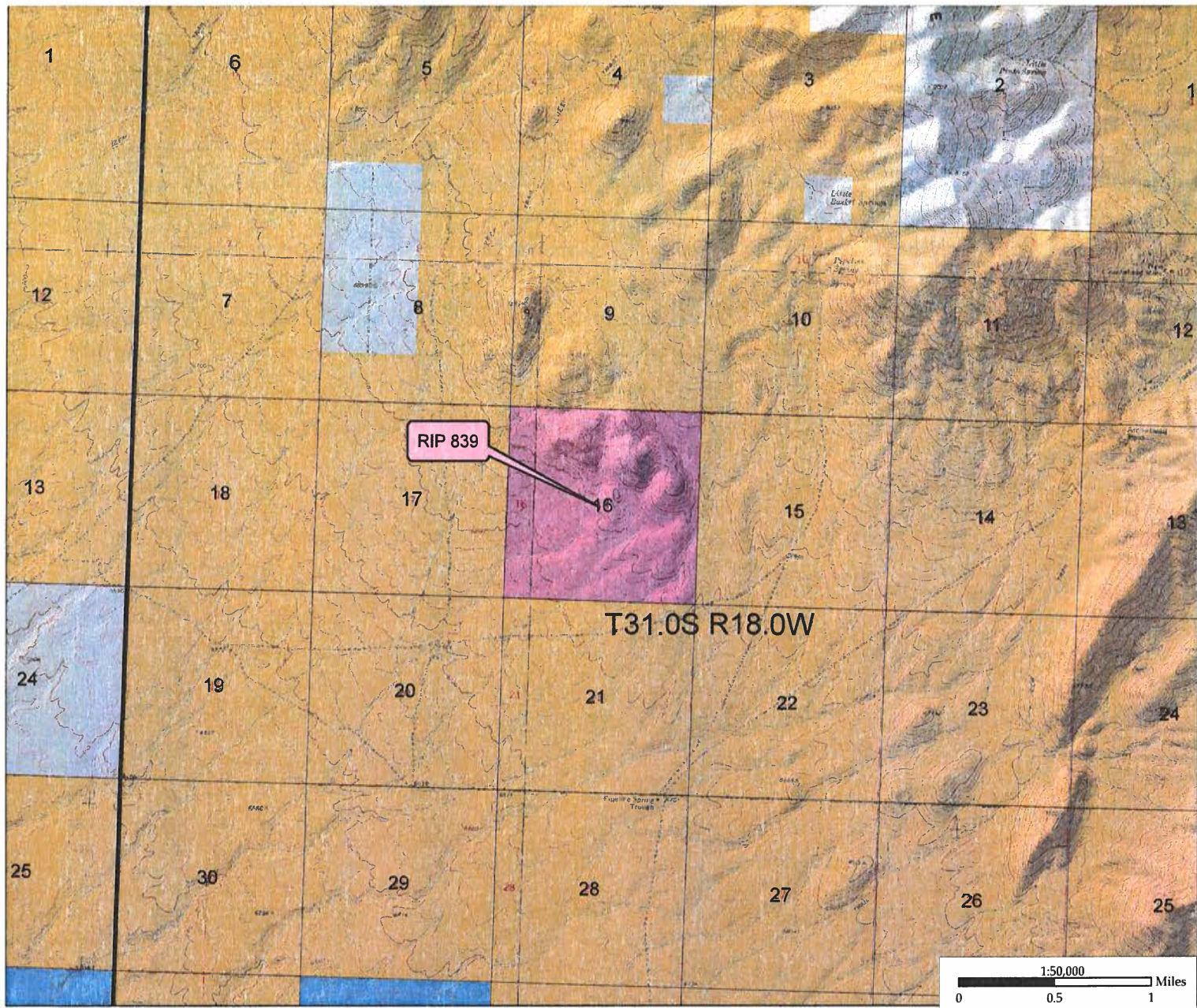
### State Comments

No State Comments

### Admin Notes

The lead agency for the project is Utah Forestry, Fire, & State Lands (FF&SL).





### Range Improvement Project No. 839

T 31 S, R 18 W, SLB&M,  
Section 16 (WITHIN)  
Iron County

May 08, 2020 SITLA

**Land Ownership and Administration**

- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Bankhead-Jones Land Use Lands
- National Recreation Area
- National Forest
- National Park, Monuments & Historic Sites
- National Wilderness Area
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Other Federal
- Military Reservations and Corps of Engineers
- Private
- State Trust Lands
- State Sovereign Land
- State Parks and Recreation
- State Wildlife Reserve/Management Area
- Other State
- Tribal Lands
- RIP

**Spatial Reference**  
Name: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N  
GCS: GCS North American 1983

Path: V:\GIS\GIS\_Group\Haley\Pro\_Templates\RIPS.aprx

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