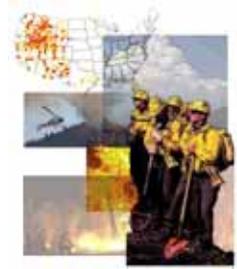


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The Bull Hill project area is located in the northwest corner of the Uncompahgre Plateau under jurisdiction of the Grand Junction Field Office. The project began in 1999 and was completed in 2001. A hydro-axe was used to mechanically treat about 1,140 acres. The treatment was successful and both grass and shrubs responded positively.

On July 23, 2003, a lightning fire was crowning and running through an untreated section of the project area. The Maverick fire grew to 1,138 acres in both treated and untreated areas. The Bull Hill project decreased the amount of fuel in treated areas, thus reducing smoke production and smoke intrusions into sensitive areas of the Grand Valley.

