



# FACT SHEET



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## Making a Difference Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Salt Lake Ranger District, Utah

In your write-up, please include the following:

**1) Describe the project including its purpose, expected outcome, acreage, timeline, status, location, nearby communities, and partners involved.** There are two primary purposes of the Davis County Fuels Project. The first purpose is to "Reduce hazardous fuels on 1,734 acres along the Wasatch Front within a 3 to 5 year period that potentially threaten the communities of Farmington and Centerville. Prescribed burns or mechanical thinning of fuels, will reduce the hazardous fuel loads on National Forest System lands near the communities of Farmington and Centerville to help protect residential areas from wildfire. Improve the ecologic health of Gambel oak/bigtooth maple vegetation in critical drainages. Modify fuel patterns in the area to help provide for more effective, timely, and safe fire suppression efforts for future wildfires along a portion of the urban interface. It also, improves resource benefits such as biological diversity, water retention, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities. This area of the ecosystem needs to be managed for the long-term. By reintroducing fire into the ecosystem; it will establish effective regeneration of vegetation, lower the occurrence of insect and disease, and in the long term protect soils in the area and prevent erosion. The second purpose is to provide a 7.5 mile long fire break along the Wasatch Front from Farmington to Bountiful in cooperation with Davis County and the cities of Farmington and Centerville. The fire break will increase access for firefighting personnel and equipment to protect the public and structures from a wildfire and for firefighter safety. On July 13, 2004 the Salt Lake Ranger District started mechanically thinning approximately 100 acres of brush east of Farmington, Utah. The work involved hand crews using chainsaws to cut the oak brush on the lower slopes and the Davis County Public Works Department will start upgrading the firebreak road on sections that are located on the National Forest and that are part of its road system.

**2) Describe the HFI tool [CE (categories 10 or 11), model EA, counterpart regs for ESA consultation, new stewardship contracting authority dated December 2002 (goods for services), or HFRA authorities (Titles I-VI)].** This project is located within a wildland-urban interface. It is in a Fire Regime Condition Class 2 and Fire Regime Group III. It has been developed with Officials in Davis County and the communities of Centerville and Farmington. This plan is consistent with the 2003 Wasatch-Cache National Forest Land and resource Management plan and USDA and Forest Service procedures. No components of this project will be conducted in a Wilderness and does not involve the use of herbicides, pesticides, or the construction of a new road.

**3) Explain how HFI or HFRA is making a difference in terms of time, greater efficiency, dollars saved, protecting a community, improving forest health, etc.** Being able to reduce Hazardous Fuels in conjunction with the Davis County Public Works Department under the HFI and HFRA is helping the Wasatch-Cache National Forest protect the communities of Farmington and Centerville from wildfires such as the Farmington and Centerville Fires of 2003. Working closely with local and state officials on the firebreak road that is located on National Forest, which is part of the roads system has strengthened relationships with Davis County, Farmington City and Centerville City. Citizens within this area have been kept informed through meetings, news stories and one on one meetings, which is improving the majority of the publics trust level of the Salt Lake Ranger District and the Forest Service in general.

4) Provide photos (small file sizes preferred)

The project may be in the scoping, planning, and/or implementation process. It does not have to be completed.

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