



Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan

Grand County and City of Moab

Partnering agencies: Moab Valley Fire Department, Utah
Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Grand County
Emergency Management, City of Moab, Grand County and Rim
to Rim Restoration

What is the CWPP and why is it important to Moab and Grand County?

- 5-year plan
- Collaborative planning process
- Outlines strategies to address the risk of wildfire
 - Mitigation
 - Preparedness
 - Prevention
 - Maintenance
- **Communities that participate in Utah's Cooperative Wildfire System are required to have a CWPP**
 - The state shares the cost of catastrophic fires in exchange for local government providing initial attack and engaging in prevention, preparedness, and mitigation strategies



Major takeaways from 2026 plan - Prevention Goals

Cheatgrass and Foxtail are Fire Fuel!

What do these fire fuels look like? Why are they an issue? What if I have cheatgrass and foxtail?

Cheatgrass & Foxtail — Stop the Cycle!

What do cheatgrass & foxtail look like in winter?

- Cheatgrass is bright green (possibly purple at the base) and covered in downy hairs, with a slight corkscrew shape at the plant's base.
- Foxtail is also a short, bright green grass in the winter, closely resembling cheatgrass.

How do I treat cheatgrass & foxtail in winter?

- **Herbicide.** Herbicide can be a very effective option to kill cheatgrass and foxtail before they go to seed, which will reduce next year's seedbank. If you choose to use herbicide, research what works for the plant and treatment area, wear personal protective equipment, and follow the label — it's the law! **Ground cannot be frozen during herbicide application.*
- **Manual removal** (hand, grubber, or hoe). Manual removal is a great option for smaller cheatgrass and foxtail infestations before or after seedset (but before is best). If there are seedheads, dispose of them in bags or secure containers.

Concerned about fire fuels in your neighborhood?

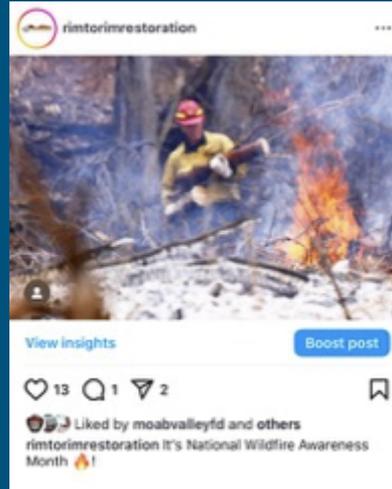
Starting small can still make a big impact. Teaming up with neighbors is a great way to share resources and tackle the weeds on your street.

What if cheatgrass & foxtail have already set seed?

For more information on managing cheatgrass & foxtail, scan the QR code:



firebreakmoab.org/weeds-fire-fuels



- Manage recreation to prevent wildfire ignitions and fuel loading
- Conduct public outreach around human-caused ignitions
- Implement HB 48 (Wildland Urban Interface Modifications)
- Review current LUC for possible improvements regarding fire prevention (City of Moab)

Major takeaways from 2026 plan - Preparedness goals

Are You Firewise?

Build a defensible space!



- Conduct public outreach about defensible space
- Designate landfill voucher days for property fuels removal
- Work with stakeholders to evaluate community wildfire preparedness and identify deficiencies
- Map existing fuel breaks and propose other strategic fuel breaks
- Develop an evacuation plan

Major takeaways from 2026 plan- Maintenance of Past Goals

- Continue to implement roadside mowing/reseeding projects
- Maintain existing fuel breaks
- Annual review of progress on CWPP goals



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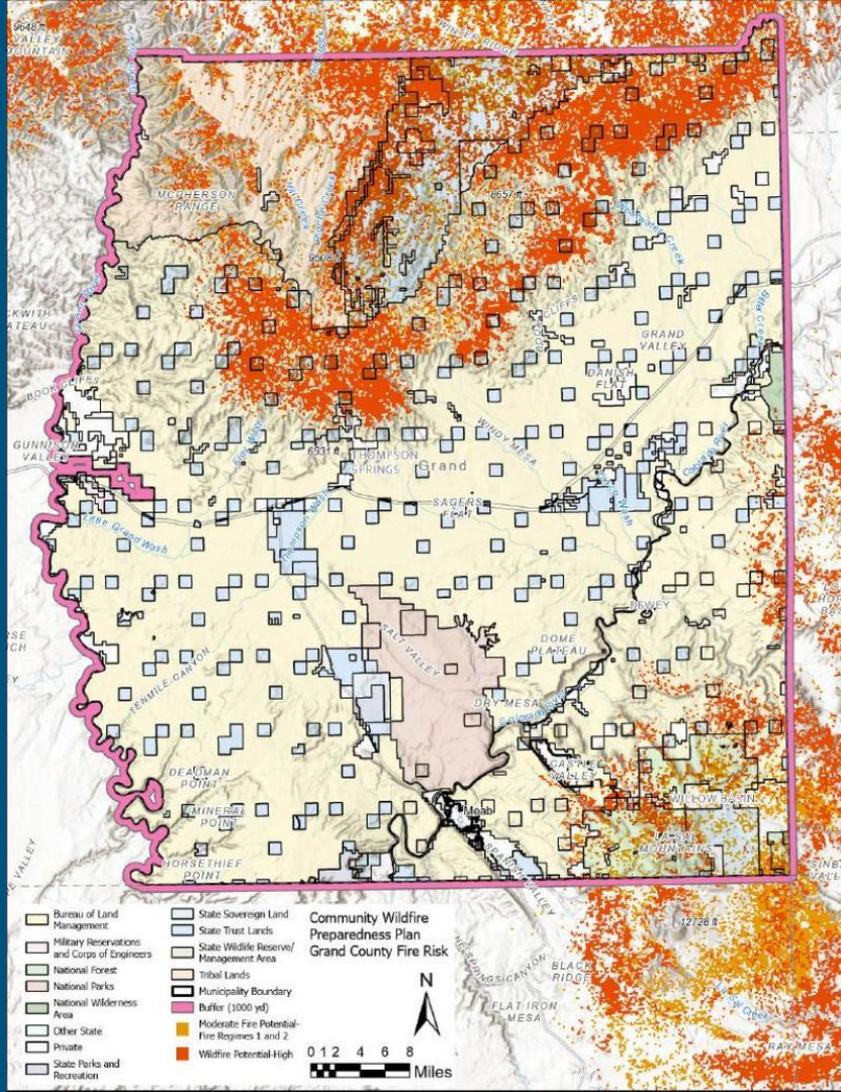
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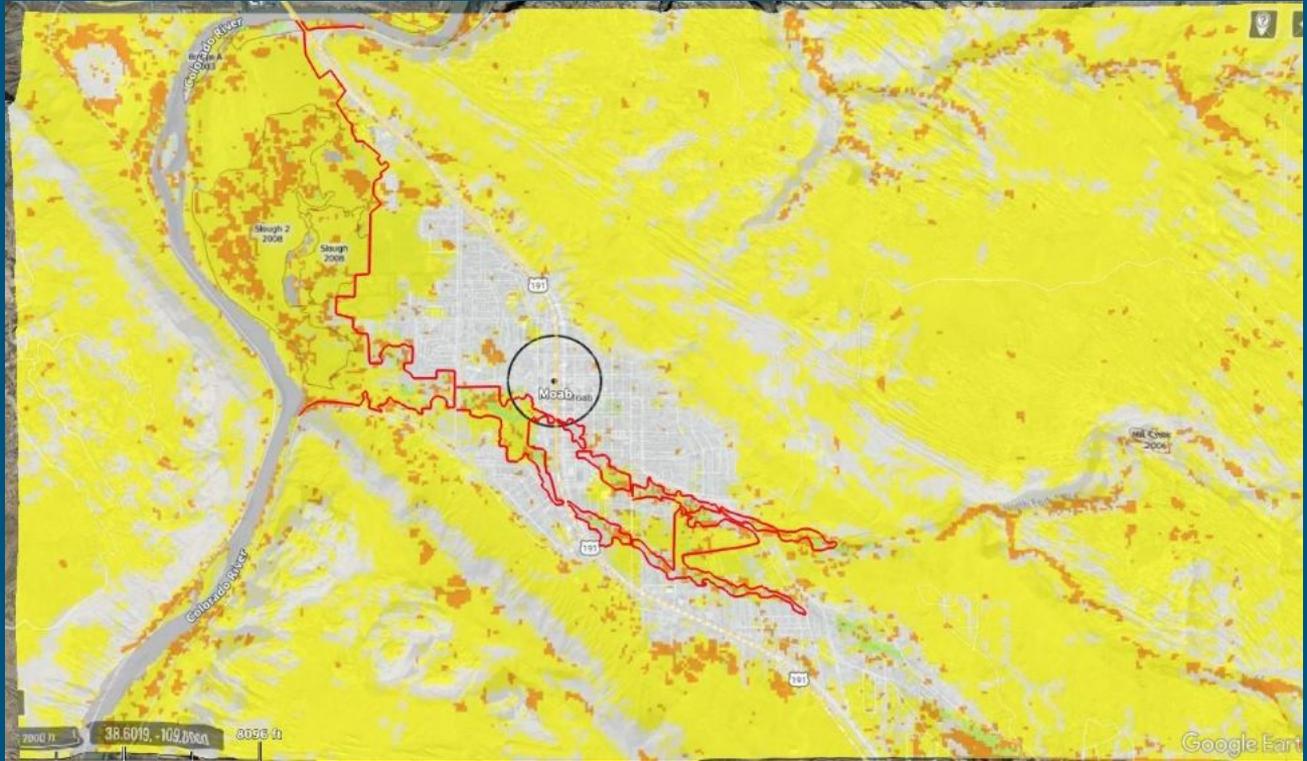
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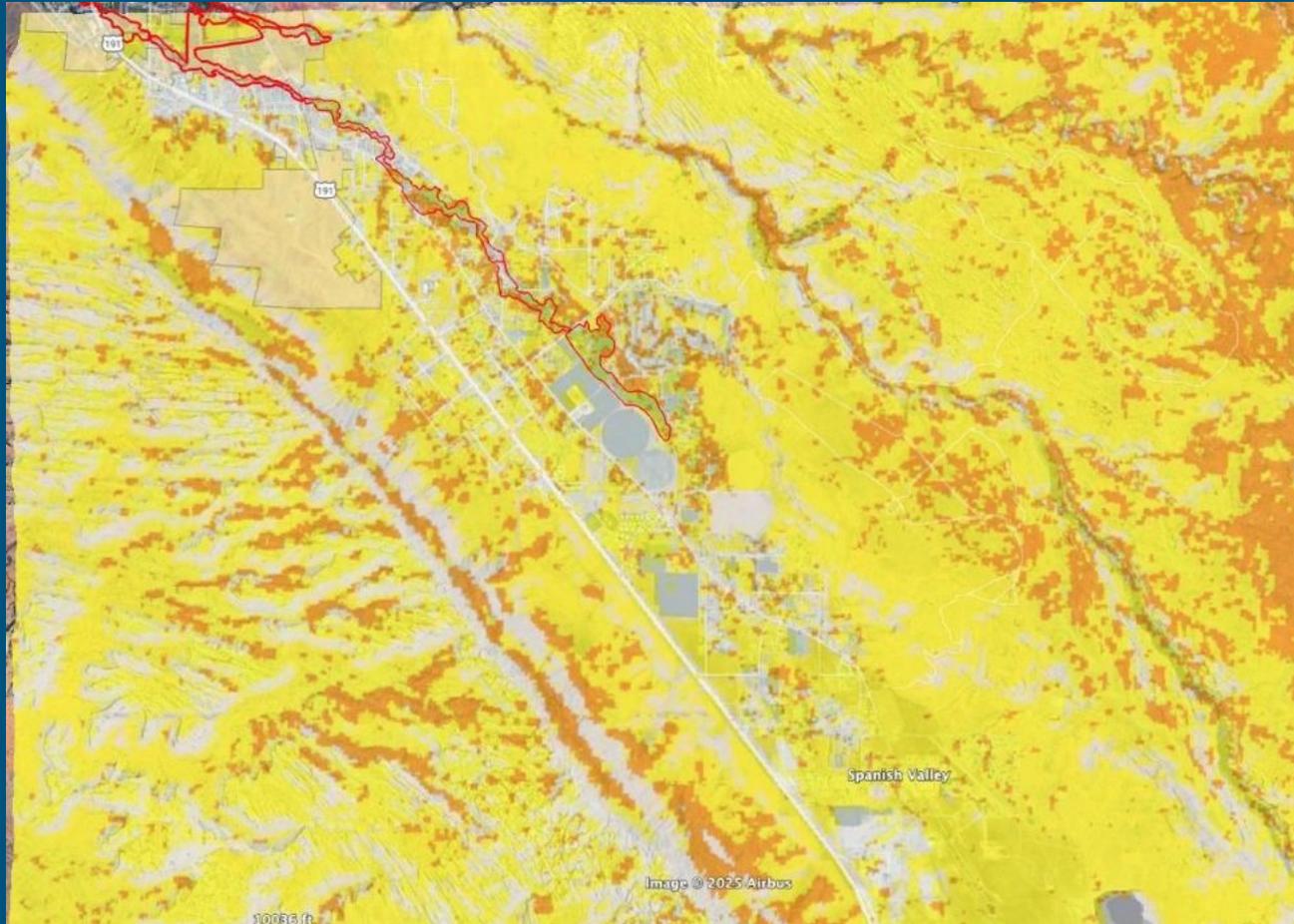
Save the date!

- **Team Rubicon**
(March 16-22)
- **Fire fuels mitigation**
along Pack
Creek in
Spanish Valley
- **Site visit**
opportunities









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