**Project Goal:** to enhance the resiliency, diversity and productivity of the native ecosystem on the Uncompahgre Plateau using best available science and collaboration.

The Uncompahgre Plateau Collaborative Restoration Project is a 10-year forest restoration project between the Uncompahgre Partnership, US Forest Service, local and county governments, conservation and recreation groups, industry and others.

**10-Year Project Overview:**
- 82,300 acres of landscape-scale fuels and restoration projects
- 650 acres of critical powerline fuels treatments
- 99,000 CCF of forest product will be created to support local industry
- 6,800 acres of coordinated treatments of noxious weeds
- 3,700 acres of reseeding with key native plants

**A Need for Action:**
Many forest community types in Colorado have been altered during the last 120 years by fire exclusion, the proliferation of roads and vehicular traffic, past logging and grazing practices, and other activities.

The changes to these forests have, in some cases, increased the potential for catastrophic wildfire and adversely affected many biological processes.

Therefore, this project seeks to increase the forest’s resiliency to future changes (like drought and hotter temperatures), restore the forest to a more natural condition, reduce the risk of unnaturally severe wildfires, improve wildlife habitat and reduce noxious weeds.

**Restoring Resiliency:**
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**Contributions:**
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Pre-treatment – risk of wildfire is high
Post-treatment – risk of wildfire is reduced, grass is recovering 5 years after treatment
Public field trip to discuss forest health needs
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