

Fire

The BLM requires that Rocky Mountain Power employ a number of fire prevention measures to minimize the fire threats from construction activities. A draft Fire Protection Plan (Plan) is currently under refinement and is anticipated to be incorporated into the Plan of Development (POD) prior to issuance of a BLM right-of-way grant (see attachment 1). Rocky Mountain Power would agree to adhere to a condition of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to collaborate with the appropriate Tooele County officials to develop an appendix to the Plan that addresses any Tooele County statutory requirements not specifically addressed in the Plan, if any. This could include specific notification protocols to the Tooele County Fire Warden.

As part of this plan, the holder of the BLM right-of-way grant or its contractors will notify the BLM of any fires and comply with all rules and regulations administered by the BLM concerning the use, prevention, and suppression of fires on federal lands, including any fire prevention orders that may be in effect at the time of the permitted activity. The holder or its contractors may be held liable for the cost of fire suppression, stabilization, and rehabilitation. In the event of a fire, personal safety will be the first priority of the holder or its contractors. The holder or its contractors will:

- Operate all internal and external combustion engines on federally managed lands per 36 CFR 261.52(j), which requires all such engines to be equipped with a qualified spark arrester that is maintained and not modified.
- Carry shovels, water, and fire extinguishers that are rated at a minimum as ABC - 10 pound on all equipment and vehicles. If a fire spreads beyond the suppression capability of workers with these tools, all will cease fire suppression action and leave the area immediately via pre-identified escape routes.
- Initiate fire suppression actions in the work area to prevent fire spread to or on federally administered lands. If fire ignitions cannot be prevented or contained immediately, or it may be foreseeable that a fire would exceed the immediate capability of workers, the operation must be modified or discontinued. No risk of ignition or re-ignition will exist upon leaving the operation area.
- Notify the Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center (801) 908-1901 (or 911) immediately of the location and status of any escaped fire.
- Prior to any operation involving potential sources of fire ignition from vehicles, equipment, or other means, weather forecasts and potential fire danger will be reviewed. Prevention measures to be taken each workday will be included in the specific job briefing. Consideration will be given to additional mitigation measures or temporary discontinuance of the operation during periods of extreme wind and dryness.
- Operate all vehicles on designated roads, or park in areas free of vegetation. Vehicles, including the undercarriages, will be thoroughly washed prior to entering the site.
- Operate welding, grinding, or cutting activities in areas cleared of vegetation within range of the sparks for that particular action. A spotter is required to watch for ignitions.
- Only diesel-powered vehicles will be used in areas where excessive heat from vehicle exhaust systems could start brush or grass fires.

Access roads planned for construction of the project will be re-vegetated after completion of the project. This access will be used by RMP for periodic inspection and may be available for fire suppression similar to any other roads across public and private land.