

Project Name	Applicant Name	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost	Project Location (Zone)
2-Yago Aspen Regeneration & Fuels Reduction (BLM)	US Bureau of Land Management	\$300,000	\$320,000	\$620,000	3

Executive Summary

The proposed treatment would remove 1.3 MBF /or/ 8,500 tons of Douglas Fir from 135 acres with a mixed vegetation type consisting primarily of Douglas Fir and Aspen. The removal of Douglas Fir would be concentrated in and immediately surrounding aspen stands that are currently in a mid to late seral stage (moderate to high amounts of conifer within the aspen stand). The current high percentage of aspen stands in late seral stand condition has resulted in and increased risk of aspen loss, as well as reduced quality of habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Removal of conifer within the aspen stands would revert them back to an early seral stage improving stand health and stimulate suckering. Selective removal of fir out of the entire project area will reduce fuel loading resulting in reduced potential for a high intensity stand replacement crown fire.

This project would enhance wildlife habitat for: Mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, moose, black bear; and a variety of special status avian, bats and amphibians. The forest treatment is expected to promote early seral stand conditions, which would improve the quality and quantity of parturition and summer habitat for big game and game birds (e.g. forest grouse). An increase in aspen abundance and decrease in conifer overstory would also be expected to improve reproductive and foraging habitat for a variety of special status bats (e.g. hoary and silver-haired), avian (e.g. Northern goshawk, olive-sided flycatcher, flammulated owl), and amphibians (boreal toad, Northern leopard frog).