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**Decision Notice**  
**Finding of No Significant Impact**

The Natural resources Conservation Service posted on our website for 30 days our Intent to adopt a portion of the environmental assessment (EA) from the Forest Service's Timber Mesa/Vernon WUI Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Project EA. We did not receive any comments or objections to adopting portions of this document. The NRCS intends to provide financial assistance to the grazing permittee to complete 1103 acres of Brush Management (removal of invasive juniper) within the Woolhouse Pasture and 2018 acres of Bourdon Pasture for a total of 3121 acres. This conservation practice will restore the grassland ecosystem to benefit pronghorn, Gunnison's prairie dog, ferruginous hawks, and other grassland birds.

In addition to the analysis within the EA, the NRCS also completed an Environmental Evaluation that determined no significant effects to the human environment or to federally listed species because of the restoration of the grasslands.

The NRCS will not have activities pertaining to the remaining actions cited in the EA (Recreation, Roads, Prescribed Fire, etc.). Therefore, we are only adopting those sections that pertain to the 3121-acre brush management practice.

For more information, please contact Stu Tuttle, State Biologist, at 1-602-280-8777

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**CURTIS ELKE**

**State conservationist, Arizona**

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**Date**

