

Point of Interest No. 4

Withered Vegetation

Geothermal activity from the summit of Mt. Kurokurayama down along the ridge of Mt. Ubakurayama has increased in recent years. Due to rising levels of volcanic gases associated with this change, the vegetation along the ridge has withered away, leaving the surface of the mountainside bare. Although these do indicate that Mt. Iwate is still active, there is no cause for alarm, as all the peaks are meticulously monitored for spikes in activity.

Caption: The landscape is yellow where vegetation has withered.