



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Curtis Divide Prescribed Fire Friday, September 14

Craig, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office, is planning to conduct a prescribed burn 25 miles northwest of Maybell, CO. The 600 acre project is located on BLM public land one mile south of Highway 318 in the Curtis Divide area. The objective of this prescribed burn is to reduce the amount of hazardous vegetation or fuel which consists primarily of sagebrush with some pinion and juniper trees. The project will also improve wildlife habitat and range for grazing.

If weather and burning conditions are desirable, the burn is scheduled to begin Friday, September 14, and may require an additional day or two to complete. Fire crews began preparing this area last fall by burning around the perimeter of the project area.

Three engines are assigned to this project. The required prescribed burn plan that specifies the desired weather and burning conditions, as well as other guidelines for safe and efficient operations is in place. Colorado State Air Pollution smoke permits have been obtained for this prescribed fire. Smoke may be visible from Highway 318.

Please call the BLM Little Snake Field Office, 970-826-5000, if you have questions.

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