



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Cedar Fire update

Craig, CO – Returning to the Cedar Fire today are two Bureau of Land Management engines and a three person hand squad to continue mop-up operations. Fire managers anticipate full containment by tomorrow. According to Incident Commander Michael St. Martin, “People can expect to see some smoke within the interior of the fire over the next few days. We’ll have engines out here working and patrolling for the next week.”

Road barricades at the entrance of the Cedar Mountain recreation area have been removed but the road leading to communications towers remains closed. The public is asked to avoid the fire area and stay out of the burned area for safety concerns. Fire suppression activities have disturbed rocks and other material; hazardous conditions exist due to rolling debris and unstable soils. The communication tower road is narrow and fire engines need the road to remain clear of traffic and pedestrians.

Fire size is 71 acres. The investigation into the cause of the incident is ongoing.

The Winter Fire is 100 percent contained at 45 acres and a Dinosaur National Monument engine is assigned to patrol the area.

Fire danger is high in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties and moderate in Routt, Jackson, and Grand counties. Vegetation at lower elevations continues to dry out and grasses are cured. There is chance of scattered showers over the weekend with dryer conditions returning by Tuesday of next week.

The Cedar Fire is five miles northwest of Craig on BLM public land.

The Winter Fire is five miles southwest of Elk Springs on BLM public land.

No structures are threatened and no injuries reported for either incident.

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