



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Red Flag Warning in effect for northwest Colorado

Craig, CO - The National Weather Service in Grand Junction, CO, has issued a Red Flag Warning for the lower elevations (below 9,000) of Colorado's west slope. The Red Flag Warning is in effect from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. Warm, dry southwest surface winds gusting in excess of 25 miles per hour are expected with relative humidity dropping below 15%. Combining with dry fuels, these conditions may create a high probability of large fire growth.

The National Weather Service in Grand Junction provides local weather information to the public at their website: www.weather.gov/gjt. Obtain a weather forecast prior to beginning any activities that involve using fire and plan accordingly. A shovel, water and bucket should always be at hand. If ditch or agriculture burns are planned call your local County Sheriff's Department with date and location of burn.

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