



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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News Release

Sheep Fire contained

CRAIG, Colo. – The 230 acre Sheep Fire is 100 percent contained. Two engine crews are mopping up remaining hot spots; one engine from the Moffat County Sheriff's Office and one from Bureau of Land Management. Firefighters on scene reported the fire was burning uphill against the wind in tall sagebrush yesterday. This type of fire behavior is an indicator of dry fuels which will support fire growth under the right conditions.

The incident is under investigation by the Moffat County Sheriff's Office and is determined to be of suspicious origin. One wooden corral was destroyed. No firefighter injuries were reported.

The Ladore Fire is 1,002 acres. Minimal fire behavior was reported today with two smokes showing on the interior of the incident. About 90 percent of the fire edge is cold and fire growth is not anticipated. The additional acres reported yesterday from the afternoon push to the northeast were included in the 1,002 acres.

The Ladore Fire is two miles northwest of the Gates of Lodore in the Bureau of Land Management Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area and 32 miles northeast of Vernal, Utah. It is being managed for benefits to resources and an eight-person fire crew is monitoring and observing fire behavior.

The Skillet Fire on the Routt National Forest is out and is one tenth acre.

No new wildland fires were reported as of 4 p.m. today.

A fire weather watch is in effect for tomorrow afternoon and evening. The watch was issued due to anticipated gusty winds and drier conditions. Avoid using fire outdoors during this period.

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