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## NEWS RELEASE

### Dry conditions expected for LABOR DAY WEEKEND

CRAIG, Colo. – With end of summer approaching outdoor activities are at their peak over the Labor Day Weekend. This can coincide with wildfire season in northwest Colorado. Fire danger ranges from moderate in Routt, Jackson and Grand counties to high in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. Vegetation is drying out and reaching critical levels in grasses and sagebrush.

The National Weather Service is predicting dry conditions over the weekend with a chance of moisture beginning Monday or Tuesday next week. To keep the good times going this weekend, we ask that you keep the following tips in mind:

- **Leave fireworks at home** – they are prohibited on public lands.
- **Keep cigarette butts in the car.** Embers can start a fire in dry conditions.
- **Do not dump ashes where they might start a fire.** Douse them completely with water before disposing of them.
- **Do not leave campfires unattended.** Douse all fires with water and dirt and make sure they are cool to the touch before leaving them.
- **Be ready to stop fires.** Bring the right tools to take care of the job - a bucket or water container and shovel.
- **Smoke only in cleared areas** and dispose of cigarettes properly.
- **Don't park you vehicle in tall grass or weeds.** The hot catalytic converter on your car can start a fire in a very short time.

All the agencies involved in wildland fire have the same #1 priority – safety. We appreciate your help in our efforts.

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