



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Allred Fire Update 10:00 a.m.

Maybell, CO – The Allred Fire was growing so quickly yesterday afternoon and evening that ground crews had difficulty assessing the size. Air reconnaissance estimates the fire to be 3,000 acres. Crews will fight the fire aggressively again today. There is one helicopter on the fire this morning and aerial needs will be assessed as the day progresses.

“At some point, the fire will move out of the timber and piñon and juniper trees and into lighter fuels such as brush and grass,” said Fire Management Officer Mark Rogers. “When that happens I expect to see fire behavior moderate some and give us an opportunity to get more line around the perimeter.”

Assigned to the fire today are: three type 1 crews; one type 2 crew; 4 engines; one water tender (truck); one helicopter; and five smoke jumpers. A total of 100 fire personnel are working this incident.

Start Date: Monday, August 3, 4:00 p.m.

Location: 20 miles west of Maybell, Moffat County

Cause: Lightning

Land Involved: Bureau of Land Management and private

Agencies/departments involved: Moffat County Road and Bridge and Sheriff Department; Maybell Volunteer Fire Department; BLM; National Park Service; and Fish and Wildlife Service

Fuels/vegetation: Ponderosa Pine, piñon and juniper trees

Threatened: no structures threatened

Containment: No estimate at this time

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