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# Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Management Unit (UCR)





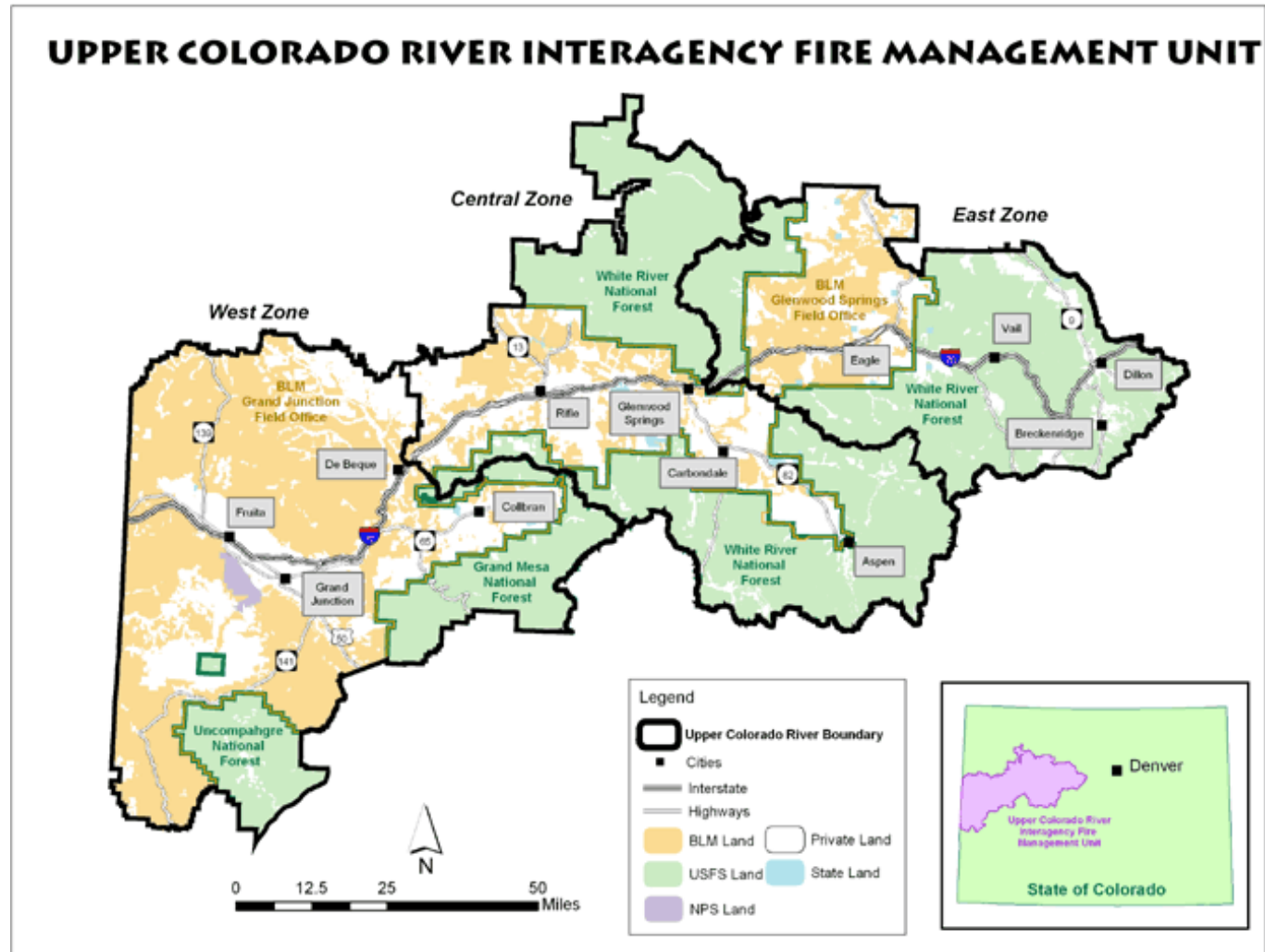


# About the UCR Fire Management Unit

The UCR has fire suppression and fuels mitigation responsibility for over 4 million acres of land, 1.8 million acres is managed by the BLM.

- The UCR provides support and service to two BLM Field Offices and parts of two BLM National Conservation Areas
  - Grand Junction Field Office
  - Colorado River Valley Field Office
  - Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
  - McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area
- The UCR provides support and service to five Forest Service Ranger Districts
  - Rifle Ranger District
  - Blanco Ranger District
  - Aspen/Sopris Ranger District
  - Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District
  - Dillon Ranger District

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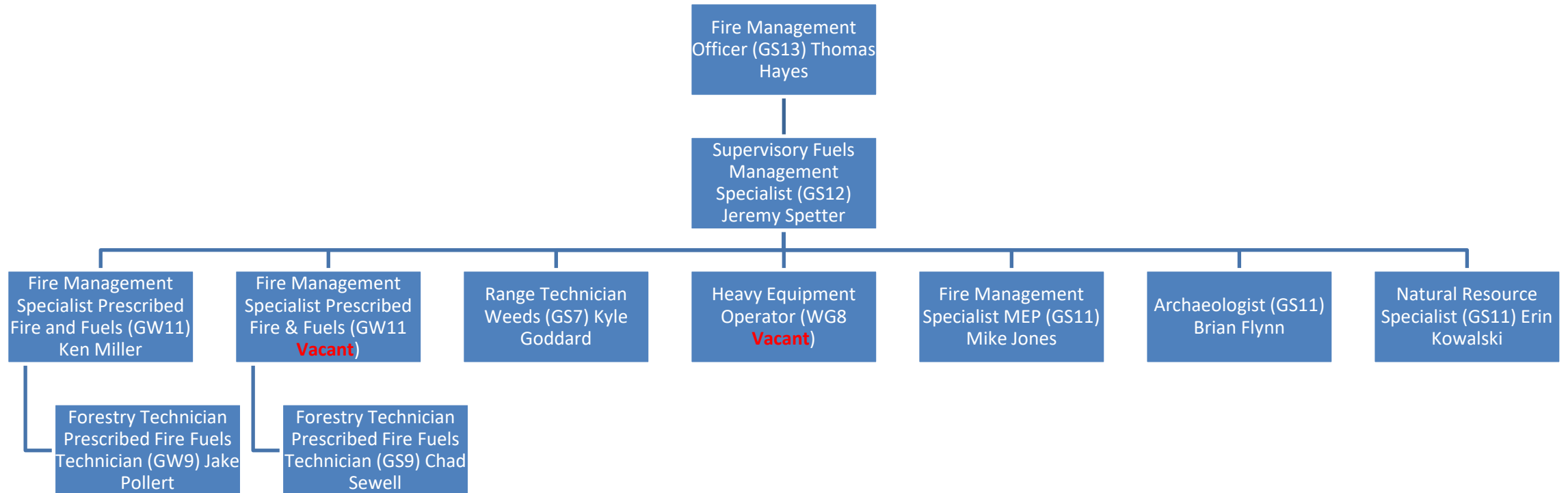
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Jurisdictional Ownership

Agency	Acreage
BLM Upper Colorado River District	1,843,733
NPS Colorado National Monument	20,461
USFS White River National Forest	2,287,177



# UCR Fuels Organization



# Fuels Management







# Fuels Accomplishments

- 2024 Accomplishments
  - 37,818 acres accomplished
    - Fire Use 22,728 acres (Pine Gulch)
    - 15,090 acres total acres (not counting fire use)
    - Chemical Treatments 8,248 acres
    - RX 44 acres
    - Lop and Scatter 2,416 acres
    - Mastication 2,503 acres
    - Hand Pile 133 acres
    - Seeding 1,746



# Fuels Management

Year	Mastication Acres
2024	2503
2023	2924
2022	119
2021	1833
2020	754
Total	8,133
5 yr Avg	1,626.6





# Prescribed Fire

Year	Acres of RX Broadcast
2024	44
2023	0
2022	233
2021	66
2020	0
Total	343
5-year Avg	68.6





# Prescribed Fire Piles

Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Total	5-year Avg
Acres of Piles	133	34	55	25	1,990	2,237	447.5



# Managed Fire

**Big Dominguez Fire of 2022 is a good example (259 acres)**

Year	Acres of Manged Fire
2024	22,728
2023	24,568
2022	24,170
2021	22,000
2020	190
Total	93,656
5-year Avg	18,731





# Fuels Accomplishments in Acres

Year	Lop Scatter	Chemical	Mastication	RX Broadcast	Piles	Seeding	Fire Use
2024	2,416	8,248	2,503	44	133	1,746	22,728
2023	2,273	7,297	2,924	0	34	259	24,568
2022	204	9,755	119	233	55	0	24,170
2021	829	2,935	1,833	66	25	22,000	22,000
2020	393	1,292	754	0	190	236	190
Total	6,115	29,527	8,133	343	437	24,241	93,656
5 yr. Avg	1,223	5,905	1,627	69	87	4,848	18,731





**Community Assistance** |





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# Community Assistance



- Since 2017
  - 34 Community Assistance Mitigation Projects
  - Approximately 1,600 Homes Protected
- 2024
  - 13 Community Assistance Agreements





# Education & Prevention

- Since 2017
  - Over 130 prevention/education events conducted
  - Over 12,000 people reached for these events
- Cooperators
  - 7 county sheriff/emergency managers
  - 22 fire departments/districts
- Collaboratives
  - 4 local and 1 statewide organizations



# Agreements

- Good Neighbor Agreements and Authorities
  - 2022 Bellyache Ridge 16 acres treated
  - 2026 King Mountain
    - up to 6,000 acres potential timber sale
    - Phase approach over the next 5-10 years
  - 2028 Black Mountain (500-2,000-acre potential)
    - Planning stages





Fire Cause	Number of Fires	Percentage
Vehicle	38	21%
Smoking	3	2%
Debris	20	11%
Arson	7	4%
Other	12	7%
Firearms	15	8%
Fireworks	6	3%
Recreation & ceremony	32	18%
Undetermined	46	26%
Total Human	179	100%

# Fire Trespass

- 179 Human caused fires since 2020
- Approximately 124 Fires Investigated over the last three years (large increase over the previous 10-year average)
- Approximately 30 Cases Proceeded



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# Questions







## NORTHWEST RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aug. 20, 2025

### North Sand Hills Presentation

*Presented by Stephen Leonard, Kremmling Field Office*

#### Management Agreement

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the lead management agency
- Signed 08/01/2025
- CPW will provide on-the-ground presence and manage day-to-day recreation activities within North Sand Hills Recreation Area, including OHV recreation, camping, and other recreational uses.
- BLM will continue to manage resources and resource use on BLM lands in coordination with CPW.

#### Next Steps

- Resource Area Management Plan
  - Change type and degree of development, use allocation, or the overall recreation character of the NSH Recreation Area
- Business Plan
  - In coordination with Northwest RAC
  - Allow fee collection

(For detailed discussion, please refer to the [Northwest RAC Meeting Minutes](#))

