News Release

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Wildland firefighters plan prescribed pile burns in Grand County

KREMMLING, Colo. – Fire managers with the Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office plan to conduct prescribed pile burns in Grand County between Dec. 22, 2025, and March 31, 2026.

"Prescribed burns are an effective tool to help reduce hazardous fuels near residences, improve range conditions, and reduce catastrophic wildfire risk," said **Bradley Husby, Northwest District Fire Management Unit, Fire Management Specialist.**

Fire personnel will only burn piles when a minimum of three inches of snow is on the ground and weather conditions allow for a safe, effective burn with good smoke dispersal. The number of days to complete each area may vary.

Smoke may be visible during and after the burns as piles continue to smolder. Fire personnel may be visible in the area for several days following ignition to monitor and manage the pile burns.

Planned burn locations include:

- Gore Lakes northeast of Kremmling in Grand County. This is an ongoing project that will take several winters to complete. Smoke may be visible from Kremmling and U.S. 40 and HWY 134.
- Strawberry north of Tabernash in Grand County. Approximately 5,300 piles are to be burned.
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 from Tabernash, Granby, and U.S. 40.

Currently, managers do not expect to implement road closures.

The Colorado Air Pollution Control Division will issue an open burn permit outlining smoke dispersal requirements and other conditions. Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit the "Wood smoke and your health" webpage on the Colorado Air Pollution Control Division website.

Maps of the pile burn locations are attached with this release.

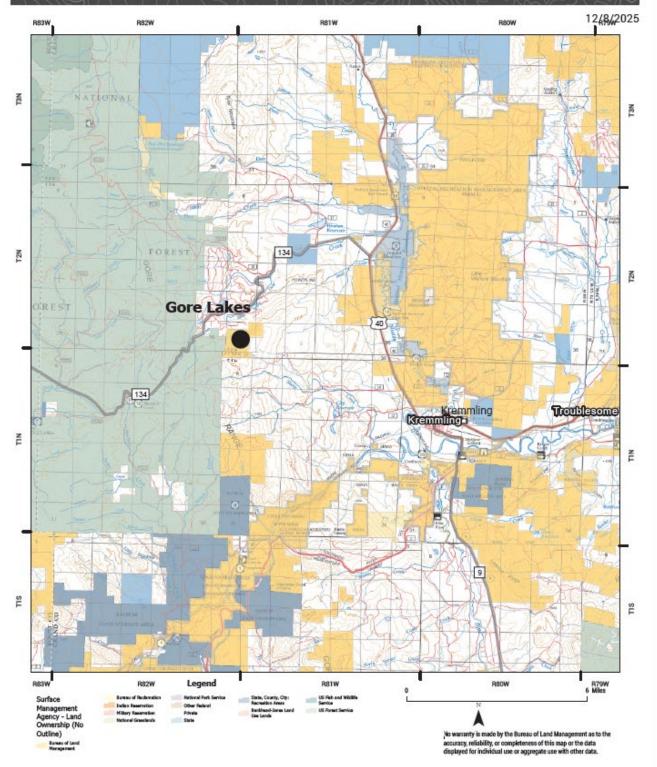
For more information, visit the <u>BLM Colorado Fire Information webpage</u> or contact Husby at 970-367-3392 or bhusby@blm.gov.

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