



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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Cedar Knob Fire 70% contained

Craig, CO – The Cedar Knob Fire remains at 70% contained. Crews and engines will be returning to continue building line and mopping up. Fire Management Officer Colt Mortenson said mop up is requiring more effort with current fuel and climate conditions. There has been no fire spread to report and the size is 1,056 acres.

The Cedar Knob Fire started July 10 on state land 10 miles southwest of Maybell off MCR 57 near Jacobs Draw and burned on to BLM lands. No structures have been destroyed. No injuries reported. No evacuations. Fire personnel are working to achieve full containment by late July 13.

Stage II Fire Restrictions remain in effect across northwest Colorado. For the statewide listing of fire restrictions visit: <http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-ban-info.html> .

Fire danger is very high in Moffat County, high in Rio Blanco counties and moderate in Routt, Jackson, and Grand counties. The moisture received in northwest Colorado over the weekend was not enough alleviate the drought conditions and was not widespread. Conditions remain critically dry and vegetation is very receptive to any ignition source.

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