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## **BLM Long Mountain prescribed fire**

Craig, CO – The Little Snake Field Office is planning a 722 acre prescribed fire on Long Mountain in northeast Moffat County seven miles south of Slater, Wyoming. Burning is anticipated from Friday, March 23 through the following week depending upon weather conditions. Smoke may be visible in the Little Snake River Valley from Baggs, Wyoming east during active burn periods.

The objective of the burn is to reduce the amount of hazardous fuels, mainly thick sagebrush, while improving wildlife habitat and range condition. Additionally, this will reduce the chance for large intense wildland fires.

The first phase of the plan is to use hand crews to burn the perimeter of the project area in order to create a holding line. In order to safely burn in steep terrain and cover the large project area, aerial ignition with a helicopter will be used to complete the interior portion of the project.

Weather and fuel moisture conditions will be closely monitored. Each prescribed burn has a detailed fire plan developed in advance with pre-determined parameters along with appropriate smoke permits. The burns will only be initiated if conditions are ideal for safe and effective fires. For more information please contact the Little Snake Field Office at 970-826-5000.

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