



## NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **No fire restrictions for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend**

Craig, Colo. – The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit is alerting the public to increasing fire danger in areas of Northwest Colorado. No fire restrictions will be in effect for the Fourth of July weekend in Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt, Jackson and Grand counties, but the public is urged to be cautious with all outdoor fires. The vegetation is continuing to dry out and becoming more receptive to fire.

- Campfires should be built in existing rings, kept small, never left unattended—a fireable offense and coals should be cool to the touch before leaving.
- Always check weather conditions prior to igniting any fire and have a shovel and water on hand to douse and smother fires.
- Avoid parking in tall grass as hot tail pipes are another ignition source.
- Fireworks are illegal on federally managed lands.

If you are traveling over the holiday weekend “Know Before You Go!” Colorado fire restriction information can be found at: <http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-bans-danger.html>. Travelers are encouraged to contact the land management agency where they plan to visit.

Your local, state and federal land managers and fire officials wish you a safe and enjoyable July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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