



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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Lightning sparks new round of wildfires

Craig, Colo. – The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit responded to eight lightning caused wildland fires in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties yesterday late afternoon. Lightning from thunder storms were the cause of all the reported wildland fires.

Moffat County:

The Seven Fire was located about 16 miles northwest of Maybell on Bureau of Land Management public land in the Sand Wash Basin area. It was burning primarily in piñon and juniper trees and was contained by 5 p.m. at one tenth acre.

The Dezaræ Fire was six miles north of Maybell on BLM land burning in piñon/juniper trees and contained around 7:30 p.m. at one tenth acre.

The Elk Fire about a mile south of the Dezaræ Fire is one tenth acre and was contained this morning at 7:10 a.m.

Responding to the Moffat County incidents were Moffat County Sheriff's Office, BLM and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rio Blanco County:

BLM fire crews responded to five wildland fires within a couple miles of each other in the Piceance Basin area 22 to 25 miles south-west of Meeker. Three of the fires are on BLM managed land and one on private land. All are burning in piñon/juniper, grass and brush. Three of the fires have not been contained.

The largest was the Hidden Fire at one acre and contained last night at 10:21 p.m.

The Roadside Fire was the only incident on private land and was contained at 9 p.m. at one tenth acre.

No structures are threatened and no injuries reported.

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