



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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BLM planning prescribed fire west of Maybell

Craig, CO – The Little Snake Field Office is planning a 30 acre prescribed fire 15 miles west of Maybell along the Little Snake River on Bureau of Land Management and Colorado State Land Board managed lands. Burning is anticipated to take place Thursday, April 24 if weather and ground conditions remain favorable. Smoke may be visible for a few hours from Highway 318.

The objective of the Oxbow prescribed fire is to improve waterfowl habitat by burning cattails, rushes and riparian grasses. This follows the herbicide application conducted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife in 2013.

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 burn 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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