



**NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Several New Fires in Northwest Colorado**

CRAIG, Colo. – Windy conditions today, combined with recent lightning resulted in several new fires. The Elk Springs Fire on State, Bureau of Land Management, and private land started late in the afternoon. Aerial and ground resources have responded to the incident; however difficult access, windy conditions, and receptive fuels are making firefighting efforts challenging.

By early evening, the fire was about 1 ½ miles south of US Highway 40, southwest of Elk Springs and at approximately 300 acres. Primary consideration is the protection of the community of Elk Springs, a ranch residence and related structures, oil and gas facilities and major power lines are nearby. The area is also in priority Sage Grouse habitat. The cause has not yet been determined.

Many of the other fires were small and firefighters were able to make good progress.

As with all fires, the safety of the public and firefighters are the top priority.

Today, crews continued to patrol the 20,690 acre Alkali fire burn area for any remaining hot spots and full containment expected on Sunday, July 27.

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Note: Contact information for the NWCO Fire Management Unit – Public Information will temporarily be:

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