



**NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT**

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Wildfire crews respond to seven wildfires in Northwest Colorado**

Craig, Colo. – Yesterday’s lightning bust ignited seven confirmed wildland fires in Moffat, Rio Blanco and Jackson counties. The largest of the new incidents is the Key Fire at 252 acres primarily on private land with a small portion on Bureau of Land Management land about 27 miles southwest of Maybell. The blaze is burning in grass, pinion and juniper trees and is 70% contained. Resources fighting the Key Fire include two Moffat County Sheriff’s engines, one Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control engine, two BLM engines, the Juniper Valley hand crew from Rifle and the Craig Interagency Hot Shot crew.

The 10-acre Lake Bench Fire is burning within the Dinosaur National Monument in grass, pinion and juniper trees. One Dinosaur NM engine and the Southern Rockies Wildland Fire Module are assigned to this incident.

The other five wildland fires were all less than one acre on BLM land, with one on private land in Jackson County, and are contained.

No structures are threatened and no injuries reported on any of the incidents.

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