



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Alkali Fire 75 percent contained**

CRAIG, Colo. – Containment lines on the **Alkali Fire** have held for a second day and fire personnel feel confident they have turned the corner on this incident. Three engines and one of the State 20-person hand crews have been released to assist with new initial attack fires in Rio Blanco and Moffat counties.

The 20,690-acre Alkali Fire is burning 14 miles north of Maybell in Moffat County. The fire is primarily on private land with about 8,000 acres on Bureau of Land Management public land. Full containment is expected Sunday, July 27. The cause remains under investigation.

The 276-acre **Carl's Hole Fire** 30 miles west of Meeker in Rio Blanco County BLM land is 100 percent contained.

Ten new wildland fires are likely the result of the 7,000 lightning strikes received yesterday and early this morning in Rio Blanco and Moffat counties. Ground crews, engines and air resources are responding to contain these incidents as quickly as possible.

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Note: Future Updates on the Alkali Fire will be posted at [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov) unless there is significant fire activity.