



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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Crews respond to wildland fires in Northwest Colorado

Craig, Colo. – Storms that moved through the area yesterday generated 780 lightning strikes on the Northwest Fire Management Unit which covers Grand, Jackson, Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. From lightning associated with the storms, eight new wildland fires have been reported.

Of the new fires seven are on Bureau of Land Management land in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. All were lightning-caused, less than one acre and all but one fire are now contained. One new wildfire was reported within the Dinosaur National Monument and an engine crew will be responding this morning.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Moffat County for low humidity, dry vegetation and windy conditions. Please curtail outdoor use of fire during this time frame. Warmer, dry, windy conditions are forecast through the weekend for Northwest Colorado.

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