



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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Northwest Colorado wildland fire update

Craig, Colo. – Of the 20 fires reported today 13 are now contained. Fire fighters worked hard throughout the day to gain the upper hand on the incidents that erupted. Tomorrow engine crews will check the contained incidents and assist where needed with the remaining fires. Resources that responded today were from: North Routt Fire Protection District (FPD); South Routt FPD; Steamboat FPD; Artesia FPD; Maybell Volunteer Fire Department; Rangely Rural FPD; Moffat County Sheriff's Office; Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control; National Park Service; U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The Thornburg Fire was contained at 120 acres at 8:15 p.m.

The Four Mile Fire is 1,026 acres and 80% contained.

To report a wildland fire call 911 and provide as much information as possible including your location and phone number, location of fire, recognizable land marks, is anything threatened, color of smoke, are flames visible, approximate size and if it's growing. Never try to extinguish a wildfire as it can switch directions and overtake you in a matter of minutes. Do not use a fire extinguisher to put out a wildland fire as the residue left behind is toxic and poses a hazard to responders.

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