



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

NEWS RELEASE

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Wildland fire crews respond to lightning-caused fires

Meeker, Colo. – Thunder storms yesterday afternoon ignited another round of wildland fires on Bureau of Land Management land. BLM and U.S. Forest Service engine and hand crews contained four of the seven reported wildfires.

Of the six wildland fires in Rio Blanco County, scattered west of Meeker, four were contained at one tenth acre yesterday evening. Fire personnel were unable to access the other two reported fires because of weather and road conditions. BLM engines are enroute this morning to continue firefighting efforts and check on the fires that were contained last night.

An individual reported the smell of smoke in the Deer Park Road area in Moffat County but no wildland fire could be located.

To report a wildland fire call 911 and provide as much information as possible, including: your location, name and contact number; fire location; flames visible, yes or no; what type of vegetation is burning; color of smoke; are there homes or structures nearby and; what direction is the fire moving.

Fire danger is moderate in Northwest Colorado. Fire managers urge people to be careful when using fire outdoors as not all areas have received moisture or wetting rain.

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