



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

Final News Release

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Milk Fire doesn't grow; containment expected tomorrow

CRAIG, Colo. – The 492-acre Milk Fire 19 miles south of Craig showed little activity today as firefighters brought containment to 70 percent.

The two 20-person hand crews that worked the fire today will be released tomorrow to be available for new fires. Four engines will remain to patrol the perimeter and continue mopping up. Firefighters expect the fire to be fully contained tomorrow.

The fire was reported early Wednesday afternoon burning in pinyon-juniper, oak brush and grass on a mix of Bureau of Land Management-administered, state and private lands. Fire investigators believe the fire started from two separate lightning strikes.

The Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit has been working closely with the Moffat County Sheriff's Office to suppress this fire.

This will be the final update unless the situation changes. Any updates will be posted on the BLM Colorado Fire Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BLMColoradoFire.

Firefighters remind the public that unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, are a serious impediment to wildland firefighting. If a drone is spotted near a wildfire, firefighting aircraft will be grounded to protect firefighters.

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