



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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BLM BURNING SLASH PILES AT CEDAR MOUNTAIN TODAY

Moffat County – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) is set to burn slash piles of juniper trees thinned from around communication towers on Cedar Mountain northwest of Craig. Thinning was accomplished by hand crews in 2006 to provide wildfire protection for the communication sites. Cedar Mountain is located on BLM public land four miles northwest of Craig off County Road 7. There are approximately 50 small slash piles scattered throughout the 5.5 acres surrounding two sites. Ignition will begin this morning and finish by late afternoon. Smoke may be visible from Moffat County Road 7 and Craig.

The best time to burn slash piles is when snow is still on the ground to keep fire from spreading beyond the burning slash piles.

This is the last stage of a project originally planned to reduce the fuel loading or density of flammable juniper trees around the radio and cell phone towers on top of Cedar Mountain. This will lower fire intensity should a wildfire occur, it will also reduce the risk of damage to area facilities and allow easier fire control.

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