



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Fire Crews Finishing Elk Meadow Project

Craig, Colo. – Engine crews from the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit are planning to complete the a 21-acre prescribed fire project today on Middle Mountain south the Wyoming/Colorado border. The area is 60 miles northwest of Maybell, Colo., and 90 miles south of Rock Springs, Wyo.

Fire crews began the project about a week and a half ago when they burned a buffer around the project perimeter, also called black lining. This buffer will aid in holding the fire to the designated prescribed fire area.

The objectives of the Elk Meadow Prescribed Fire are to reduce hazardous fuels, improve wildlife habitat and promote aspen regeneration. Weather and fuel-moisture conditions will be closely monitored, and the burn will only be initiated if conditions and weather are ideal for safe and effective fires.

Each prescribed burn conducted by the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit has a detailed fire plan developed in advance, along with appropriate smoke permits obtained from state agencies. Prescribed fires are one of many tools public land managers use to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires while improving wildlife habitat and overall land health.

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