



## UPPER COLORADO RIVER

### FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

BLM-NORTHWEST DISTRICT

USFS-WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

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### **Smoke from Lost Solar Fire in the Flat Tops Wilderness Visible in Eagle County**

**Meeker, Colo. – Sept. 8, 2016** – The Lost Solar Fire, burning in the Flat Tops Wilderness, was active today with a column visible from Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Eagle Counties. Please be advised that shifting wind activity has caused smoke to drift east toward Eagle County. There is a potential to smell or experience smoke over the next few days. Also, smoke could settle in low valleys over night, but should clear by mid-morning.

“As you can probably see out your window, smoke from the Lost Solar Fire has made its way to Eagle County,” said Aaron Mayville, Eagle-Holy Cross District Ranger. “While burning activity has picked up, the fire is still burning in the Flat Tops Wilderness. Feel free to give our Minturn office a call if you have questions – we’re happy to provide updates to the public.”

Smoke from wildfires may affect your health. If you have breathing problems please contact your doctor or emergency provider. Visit the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website for tips on how to protect your health from wood smoke: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

The Lost Solar Fire is currently estimated at 2,000 acres and is burning well within the management boundary in the Flat Tops Wilderness. This fire is being managed with a ‘confine and contain’ strategy due to its remote location and natural ignition. This strategy allows the fire to take its natural course within the ecosystem which will benefit big game habitat.

For information about Lost Solar Fire please contact Blanco Ranger District at 970-878-4039.

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