



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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Firefighters respond to wildland fires in Garfield, Routt, Rio Blanco, Moffat and Jackson counties

CRAIG, Colo. - In the last week, the Northwest Interagency Fire Unit has responded to 34 fires. While there are no current fire restrictions in the area, fuels are dry and fire officials remind visitors to be careful with fire.

“Human-caused fires are still a concern this time of year,” said Fire Management Officer Colt Mortenson. “If you’re hunting or camping in the area, please remember to completely extinguish your fires.”

The lightning-caused Calico Fire burning on BLM lands north of Elk Springs, Colorado, is about 3-5 acres in size and is currently being managed for resource benefit with one engine on hand.

The West Steward Fire burning on BLM lands 25 miles southwest of Meeker, Colorado, is transitioning to a Type III Incident Management Team today. The 125-acre lightning-caused fire was reported on Sept. 8. Resources on the fire include Squad 1, three type six engines, two tankers, four single-engine air tankers and two helicopters.

Smoke is visible throughout the area. 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>.

This will be the only update unless the situation changes.

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