



Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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Fire Weather Watch Posted For Saturday

The National Weather Service in Grand Junction, CO, has issued a Fire Weather Watch for the lower elevations of Northwest and West Central Colorado and Northeast Utah. This watch is in effect from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday evening. Warm, dry southwest winds of 15 to 25 miles per hour, and gusts up to 40 mph, are expected ahead of a storm system that is moving into the Great Basin area. Low humidity will also accompany the gusty conditions.

High winds are one of the main factors that drive fires out of control. The National Weather Service in Grand Junction provides local weather information to the public at their website: www.weather.gov/gjt. Obtain a weather forecast prior to beginning any projects that involve using fire and plan accordingly. A shovel, water and bucket should always be at hand. If ditch or agriculture burns are planned, contact your local County Sheriff's Department with date and location of burn.

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