

Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



970-826-5096

Contact: Lynn Barclay

For Immediate Release Monday, September 15, 2008

Prescribed Fires Northwest of Maybell This Week

Maybell, Colo. – Two prescribed fire projects are set for this week in the Greystone area unless weather prohibits. Both will reduce hazardous vegetation and improve wildlife habitat and forage. The first burn project is in Curtis Divide south of Highway 318. Today fire crews are planning to burn about 100 acres of sagebrush with some pinyon and juniper trees.

The Deer Valley prescribed fire project is scheduled for later this week. Crews are planning to burn 200 acres on Douglas Mountain. Smoke from these projects will be visible from Greystone and Highway 13. T

Each prescribed burn 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.

###