



## Prescribed Fire planned next week on Middle Mountain

**Craig, Colo.** – Fire managers from the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit are planning a 21-acre prescribed fire on Middle Mountain near the Wyoming border next week.

The objectives of the Elk Meadow Prescribed Fire are to reduce hazardous fuels, improve wildlife habitat and promote aspen regeneration. This fire is part of the Middle Mountain Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, which also includes on-going work on a 175-acre fuel break and the 450-acre Middle Mountain Prescribed Fire, which is planned later this fall.

The area is 60 miles northwest of Maybell, Colo., and 90 miles south of Rock Springs, Wyo.

Fire managers are planning to ignite the fire with hand crews beginning as early as Tuesday. Weather and fuel-moisture conditions will be closely monitored, and the burn will only be initiated if conditions 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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