



# Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



For immediate release  
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## **Chief Fire 358 Acres**

Craig, CO – The Chief Fire, about 15 miles southwest of Craig, kicked up yesterday afternoon as a hold-over from previous thunderstorms. Smoke was visible to surrounding areas from the 358 acre fire in the Duffy Mountain area on Bureau Of Land Management public land. Responding resources were two BLM engines, one Moffat County Sheriff's Department engine, Craig Hot Shots, one single engine air tanker, and one helicopter out of Rifle, Colorado. Pushed by light winds, the fire spread quickly through the grass and sagebrush. Full containment is expected this evening.

There were also three fires west of Maybell in Browns Park and near Dinosaur National Monument yesterday. The Hughes Fire, on BLM public land, was four acres located just south of Highway 318 in Douglas Draw burning pinion and juniper trees. The two other incidents were less than one tenth acre and are contained. BLM, Dinosaur National Monument, and Browns Park Refuge fire personnel worked those fires.

No structures or improvements are threatened on any of the fires.

Anticipated weather for the rest of this week is a return to warm and dry conditions. Temperatures in the upper 80s to mid 90s are expected. Effects from recent moisture will dissipate quickly with fuels being readily receptive to fire ignition. People are asked to be cautious when using fire outdoors.

Dial 911 to report a fire. Please include your location and contact information, location of fire, approximate size, type of smoke (black, white, etc.), what is burning, and closest landmark or road.

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