



# Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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## **BLM TO BURN SLASH PILES AT CEDAR MOUNTAIN**

Moffat County – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) is set to burn slash piles of juniper trees thinned from around communication towers on Cedar Mountain northwest of Craig. The slash pile burning will take place over the next two weeks if the weather is favorable. Thinning was accomplished by hand crews in 2006 to provide wildfire protection for the communication sites. Cedar Mountain is located on BLM public land four miles northwest of Craig off County Road 7. There are approximately 50 small slash piles scattered throughout the 5.5 acres surrounding two sites. Ignition will begin midmorning and finish by late afternoon. Smoke may be visible from Moffat County Road 7 and Craig.

“We have the required Colorado State Air Quality permits and smoke dispersal for the day looks good,” said Dale Skidmore, Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit Zone Manager. “Conditions are perfect to burn these piles, there is snow on the ground so there’s little to no opportunity for fire spread beyond the piles themselves.”

This is the last stage of a project originally planned to reduce the fuel loading or density of flammable juniper trees around the radio and cell phone towers on top of Cedar Mountain. This will lower fire intensity should a wildfire occur, it will also reduce the risk of damage to area facilities and allow easier fire control.

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