



# Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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## Lightning Starts Multiple Fires in Northwestern Colorado

CRAIG, Colo. – Lightning storms across northwestern Colorado have sparked at least 24 new fires since yesterday.

The three largest fires were reported yesterday afternoon:

The 8,000-acre **Mayberry Fire** is burning in sagebrush and tall grass on Bureau of Land Management land 32 miles northwest of Craig. It is currently 0 percent contained. The 26 firefighters working the fire are reporting extreme fire behavior driven by erratic winds. One residence is threatened. Approximately 30 gas wells are in the area, 20 of which have been burned over. Firefighters are not aware of damage to the wells at this time. Personnel working the wells have voluntarily evacuated with no known injuries. Additional resources on this fire include three engines and four dozers.

The 4,600-acre **Prong Fire** burning 23 miles northwest of Craig is 80 percent contained. It is burning in sagebrush and grass on a mix of private and BLM lands. The 23 firefighters on the fire battled erratic fire behavior, but the fire has received some moisture and activity has moderated. Most of the fire activity now is from islands of vegetation burning within the perimeter of the fire. Containment is currently expected tomorrow. Moffat County Road 8 is closed. Additional resources include two engines, three dozers and a water tender.

The 700-acre **Lone Fire** is burning 15 miles north of Elk Springs in pinyon-juniper and sage on private land. It is 15 percent contained. The 14 firefighters are battling erratic winds and a high amount of burnable vegetation and fuel. Two residences are threatened, although firefighters have been able to remove the immediate threat to one of the homes. The second home is within one-half mile of the fire, but the fire is not currently burning toward that home. The homes are without power and water because several power poles were burned. Additional resources include five engines and a water tender.

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