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Firefighters actively managing fire southwest of Meeker
Public asked to avoid area between Hunter Creek and Willow Creek

MEEKER, Colo. – Firefighters from the Northwest Colorado Interagency Fire Management Unit are closely monitoring the 5-acre Hunt Fire about 26 miles southwest of Meeker in Rio Blanco County.

The fire is burning in thick brush and downed trees, making it unsafe for firefighters to directly engage the fire where it is currently burning. Firefighters have identified key locations where they can more safely and effectively suppress the fire if necessary. The fire is burning on Bureau of Land Management-administered public land and no structures are currently threatened.

The lightning-caused fire is anticipated to continue to be active in the coming days. Firefighters and the Rio Blanco Sheriff’s Office are asking the public to stay away from the area between Hunter Creek and Willow Creek, including Big Jimmy Gulch.

“We are closely monitoring the Hunt Fire and have resources available should we need to begin suppression,” said BLM White River Field Office Assistant Field Manager Kyle Arnold. “The fire is currently benefitting the area by burning through the thick vegetation, which will improve wildlife habitat and increase firefighter safety by reducing hazardous fuels.”

For the latest information about the Hunt Fire, visit the Rio Blanco County Sheriff’s Facebook Page, @RioBlancoCountySheriff’sOffice.

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