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Fire activity increases in Northwestern Colorado as winds increase

CRAIG, Colo. – Afternoon winds increased fire activity on the Hunter Fire 20 miles southwest of Meeker as well as a new start called the Dead Dog Fire 10 miles north of Rangely.

Fire activity picked up significantly in the late afternoon on the lightning-ignited **Hunter Fire** 20 miles southwest of Meeker, which is now at 992 acres and 30 percent contained. More than 60 firefighters, five engines and a helicopter are working the fire, which is burning on BLM lands with oil and gas infrastructure is in the area. As activity picked up this afternoon, five single engine air tankers and two heavy air tankers worked the fire before moving over to the Dead Dog Fire.

The **Dead Dog Fire** is estimated at about 40 acres with no containment and is burning on BLM land 10 miles north of Rangely. Several engines and the air tankers worked this new start this evening. The cause of this fire is under investigation.

Crews from the Northwest Colorado Interagency Fire Management Unit and Moffat County today contained the 67-acre **Temple Fire** about 25 miles west of Craig this evening. It burned on BLM and private land.

The eight firefighters working and monitoring the 55-acre **Cross Fire** have reached 60 percent containment through a combination of natural features and fire line. It is burning in a rugged, remote area on BLM land in the Cross Mountain Wilderness Study Area 35 miles west of Craig. Firefighters will continue to take suppression action if needed.

A Red Flag Warning signifying weather conditions that can lead to large fire growth remains in effect in northwestern Colorado through Monday.

Information on these fires will be updated on Facebook @BLMColoradoFire.

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