



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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Crews making good progress on Northwestern Colorado fires

CRAIG, Colo. – Crews from the Northwest Colorado Interagency Fire Management Unit and Moffat and Rio Blanco counties are making progress on the three fires they are working in northwestern Colorado today.

Winds have been strong on all three lightning-ignited fires, but as of 3 p.m. lines were holding. Firefighters are entering what is typically the most challenging time of day, particularly in Red Flag conditions such as today.

More than 60 firefighters, five engines and a helicopter are working the 637-acre **Hunter Fire** about 20 miles southwest of Meeker, Colo., and have brought the fire to 40 percent contained. The fire is burning on BLM lands with oil and gas infrastructure in the area.

The 65-acre **Temple Fire** about 25 miles west of Craig is 60 percent contained. About 20 firefighters continue to strengthen fire lines. A Forest Service firefighter assigned to the Temple Fire was transported to the Craig hospital by ambulance yesterday afternoon after receiving second degree burns on his legs. The circumstances of the injury are being investigated. No additional information will be released at this time. The fire is on BLM and private lands.

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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