

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2013, 8:00 a.m.**

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**Fire Information: 970-325-FIRE (3473)**

Citadel Fire Website: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3543/>

East Tschuddi Fire Website: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3545/>

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**No Growth on Northwest Colorado Fires but Much Work Remains**

**Meeker, Colo.** – While no additional resources have been ordered for these fires, fire planners continue to move crews to most effectively manage the fires. There are one-heavy, one-medium, and two-light helicopters providing support to these fires. Stage 1 Fire Restrictions continue for both Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties.

**Citadel Fire, Moffat County:** Though there was no growth on the Citadel Fire today, there are still heavy fuel concentrations and heat in the northeast area. The difficulty of the terrain makes direct line construction improbable due to the danger to firefighters. Crews continue to monitor this part of the fire. Some of the existing resources have been allocated to the southeast side of this fire to continue fireline construction, mop-up and cold-trail.

**Citadel Fire Statistics at a Glance:**

- **Time/Date Started:** July 21, 2013, 12:00 p.m.
- **Location:** 40 miles northwest of Meeker in Moffat County, Colorado
- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Fuels:** Piñon –Juniper, Sage Brush
- **Size:** 1,851 acres (1,773 acres BLM, 78 acres State)
- **Containment:** 25%

**East Tschuddi Fire, Rio Blanco County:** There again was no growth on the East Tschuddi fire although hot spots on the interior continue to pose a threat. Operation Section Chief Geoff Bell said the plan for Tuesday is to “move resources out of difficult terrain during the afternoon winds due to the potential for fire growth.” Crews continue to mop-up and cold-trail the fire edges, and complete fire line. There was one minor injury resulting from dehydration and heat-exposure.

**East Tschuddi Fire Statistics at a Glance:**

- **Time/Date Started:** July 20, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
- **Location:** 20 miles northwest of Meeker in Rio Blanco County, Colorado
- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Fuels:** Piñon –Juniper, Sage Brush, Oak Brush, Douglas Fir
- **Size:** 436 acres (399 acres BLM, 37 acres State)
- **Containment:** 35%

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