



UPPER COLORADO RIVER INTERAGENCY FIRE MANAGEMENT

**NPS Colorado National Monument
BLM Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley
USFS White River, Grand Mesa and
Uncompahgre National Forests**



Meadow Creek Fire

July 19, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

News Update: Increase in smoke expected

For Immediate Release

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The amount of smoke from wildfires depends on such things as wind, temperature and humidity levels, among other factors. During the day, especially with good ventilation, smoke usually dissipates. But when temperatures are cooler (late night and early morning) it is more likely to settle into lower areas and valleys. Such is the prediction for tonight and the morning of July 20 in Castle Valley, Newcastle and along the Colorado River valley from Glenwood Springs to Rifle.

Health risks of occasional exposure to smoke are minimal for healthy individuals, while children and the elderly are more susceptible. To reduce your exposure, stay indoors as much as possible during smoky times. Keep windows and doors closed and run an air conditioner (if you have one) with the air intake closed.

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