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Marshall Draw & Rat Hole Prescribed Burns Marshall Draw Burn on Diamond Mountain September 19-24 Rat Hole Burn on the east side of the Book Cliffs September 26-31

Vernal, Utah - The Vernal Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management was unable to implement their Marshall Draw prescribed burn on Diamond Mountain at the beginning of the month due to the weather constraints. The burn has been rescheduled for the week of September 19 through 24. The Rat Hole Prescribed Burn located on the southeast end of the Book Cliffs is scheduled to follow the Marshall Draw Burn (approximately the week of September 26 through 31). Both burns will again be weather dependant.

The Marshall Draw burn includes the Marshall and Pitt drainages located in the Diamond Mountain area. The Marshall Draw burn is approximately 8,000 acres and is designed to reduce hazardous fuels and improve wildlife habitat. The burn will take three or four days to complete. The Crouse Canyon Road located in the burn unit may be closed at times to insure public safety.

The Rat Hole burn located in the Book Cliffs area will also include Tent and West Tent Canyons as well as Moonshine Ridge and Fatty Canyon and the surrounding drainages. It will be approximately 8000 acres in size and is designed to reduce hazardous fuel, enhance wildlife cover, and reintroduce fire back into the ecosystem. The burn will take two or three days to complete. The Atchee Ridge Road borders the east side of the project area and may be closed for short periods of time during the ignition process.

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