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## **Wildfire Burning in the Augusi Canyon Area of the Book Cliffs**

### **Vernal, Utah —**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Green River District would like to advise the public of a wildfire burning in the Augusi Canyon area of the Book Cliffs. The fire is located 65 miles southeast of Vernal, Utah. The fire was a result of a lightning strike. The fire was reported on August 26th to the Uintah Basin Fire Center.

Augusi Canyon Fire has burned approximately 85 acres of Basin Sagebrush, Pinion Pine, and Juniper. The fire burned into the Indian Spring Bullhog Fuels Treatment Project. The project slowed the fire and provided an excellent fuel break. The projected fire weather shows the fire should receive moisture today and tomorrow. The fire is being managed for multiple objectives. Examples include: allowing fire to play its natural role in the ecosystem, reducing hazardous fuel accumulation, and returning nutrients to the soil which creates a natural mosaic pattern of new and old growth trees. The Green River District fire personnel will closely monitor the fire behavior and the effects the fire is having on the land. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Troy Suwyn, Fire Management Officer, at (435) 781-4444

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