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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tres Rios Field Office, has completed an environmental assessment (EA), approved a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issued a Decision Record approving the use of some naturally ignited wildland fires to achieve resource objectives as identified in the Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan.

The project will occur within an area of 304,450 acres of BLM land, of which no more than 10,000 acres of naturally ignited wildland fire may be utilized to meet RMP goals and objectives over the next ten years. On the remainder of the Tres Rios Field Office, as well as Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, fires will be managed for protection objectives, as well as to minimize fire size. In both cases, firefighter and public safety remains the highest priority. This action is anticipated to help restore the historic role that naturally ignited wildland fire played within the project area, which includes; reduced risk of uncharacteristically severe wildland fire, improve wildlife habitats, increased diversity of age classes and composition of vegetation, and increased resilience of fire adapted landscapes to disturbance.

For more information and to review the environmental documents go to:

[https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup\\_register.do](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do)

Search for, "Fire Management Planning," under Tres Rios Field Office to view the environmental documents.

Paper copies of the EA, FONSI, and Decision Record are also available upon request, and for review at the Tres Rios Field Office. If you need additional information, please contact Brad Pietruszka, Southwest District Fuels Program Manager, by phone at 970-882-6820, or by email at [bpietruszka@blm.gov](mailto:bpietruszka@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

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