

PRESS RELEASE

**ISLAND FIRE
BURNING MOUNTAINS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
March 29, 2009**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

At Approximately 1:44 this afternoon the Garfield County Emergency Communication Center was notified of a wildland fire. Deputies patrolling the area and multiple 911 calls alerted dispatch of the fire burning North of I-70 and West of the Town of Silt on a private property island in the Colorado River.

This fire is the result of high winds that moved into the area after a permitted controlled burn from earlier in the day. Approximately 25-30 acres have burned but no structures are threatened at this time.

Burning Mountains Fire Chief Britt McClin says, "Our main concern at this time is for the safety of all the personnel fighting this fire and the potential danger of this fire jumping the river with such high winds fueling it".

Mutual aid provide by Rifle Fire Protection District and the Garfield County Sheriff's Office.

Please make sure you have a burn permit and use extreme caution anytime you burn.

Any further information in regards to this fire should be directed to Burning Mountains Fire Protection District at 970-876-5738, 970-984-3412 or 970-984-3323.