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UPPER COLORADO RIVER INTERAGENCY FIRE MANAGEMENT

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FIRE UPDATE

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Update on Roan Cliffs Fire

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Fire officials with the Upper Colorado River Fire Management Unit continue to manage the lightning-caused Roan Cliffs Fire west of Baxter Pass, about 32 miles northwest of Grand Junction. The fire has now burned 935 acres of mostly pinyon-juniper and oak brush in very steep terrain, including 262 acres in Utah and 673 acres in Colorado.

Fire officials are managing the fire to benefit the vegetation and wildlife in the area. They are allowing the fire to burn naturally but are keeping it in check on the north flank to reduce risk to ranch structures several miles away.

Fire activity is expected to vary day by day based on the specific terrain the fire is burning and on weather conditions. People can expect to see a lot of smoke on some days and little to no smoke on others.

A heavy air tanker and a single engine air tanker dropped retardant yesterday to keep the fire from moving farther north. Two helicopters also assisted firefighters in this effort. Aircraft may be used today to hold the north side. Twenty-one firefighters are now assigned to the fire.

Fire officials note that despite the area receiving significant moisture during the past month, moisture levels in the trees and shrubs are below average. They urge the public to be cautious with fire while working or recreating outside.

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