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PRESS RELEASE

GARFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Garfield County, Colorado: Fire Crews are mopping up after a 6.62 acre fire came dangerously close to a home located 2.5 miles South of Silt, Colorado. The fire is believed to have been started by lightning and moved quickly toward homes in the Mineota subdivision. A reverse 911 call was sent out immediately by responding Fire Fighters requesting residents in the area to prepare for evacuation.

Helicopters dropped buckets of water near a home that was feared to be damaged in the fire, but with the tireless efforts of ground crews and swift, precise actions of the helicopter pilots the threatened home was untouched by flames. The fire burned with-in feet of the structure as the homeowners watched from down the hill.

Agencies responding to this private property fire includes; thirty-eight (38) personnel; 4 Interagency Engines; 8 Burning Mountains Fire District Engines; 2 Rifle Fire Protection District Engines; 1 Glenwood Springs Fire Protection District Engine; 2 Interagency Helicopters; 6 Garfield County Sheriff's Office Personnel; 2 Silt Police Department Personnel; 1 Colorado Stated Patrol and the Bureau of Land Management.

Personnel will continue to monitor the fire into the night and return for mop-up after daylight.



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