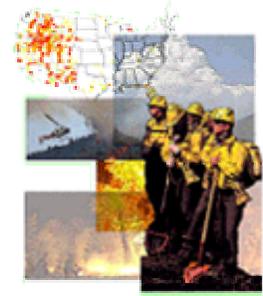


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Fire & Fuels in Southwest Colorado San Juan Public Land Center, Colorado



In an effort to increase the public's understanding of all the various National Fire Plan projects and partnerships occurring in southwest Colorado, the San Juan Public Lands Center published a 12-page newspaper insert titled "Fire and Fuels in Southwest Colorado." The insert was put into local papers in Durango, Cortez, and Pagosa Springs, reaching over 26,000 people.

The insert focused on the fuels-reduction program on the San Juan Public Lands, which includes both Forest Service and BLM lands. It discussed why fuels-reduction treatments are necessary, treatment methods, fire ecology, defensible space, and partnership accomplishments. It also spoke to current issues like the pine beetle epidemic, new fire restriction zones, and rehabilitation efforts after the Missionary Ridge Fire of 2002.



The insert was a cooperative effort of the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Community Services at Fort Lewis College, and the Colorado State Forest Service.

The insert may be found on the Web at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan/fire/fire-insert.pdf>

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