

National Fire Plan

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Fire and Fuels in Southwest Colorado

In an effort to increase the understanding of different fuels-reduction treatments and why they are necessary, 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 discussing 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.



This image was on the front page of the special insert distributed in local newspapers throughout southwestern Colorado.

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 can be viewed on the web at:

www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan/bulletin_board/FIRE_files/fire-insert.pdf

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