

National Fire Plan

Routt County Receives BLM Engine Colorado 2003



Routt County, Colorado's, newest addition to its fleet of fire engines was put to the test Thursday, July 17. The 1990 Navistar engine responded to smoke reports along the Seed House Corridor after lightning peppered the area. "This engine will improve the urban interface protection capabilities in Routt County," said Chuck Vale, Routt County Emergency Manager.

The engine has a 500-gallon water tank and seats three people. It's equipped to handle wildland and structural fires and has the flexibility to maneuver most driveways.

A second fire station was built in anticipation of acquiring an additional engine to help answer the fire calls in the North Routt Fire Protection District.

The North Routt Fire Protection District in north-central Colorado was able to purchase a Bureau of Land Management fire engine with a grant through the BLM Rural Fire Assistance program. This program was implemented under the National Fire Plan to assist communities and rural volunteer fire departments meet safety, training and equipment needs. "This is a great example of partnership between county and federal agencies," said Vale. "The public is the real beneficiary of this program."

BLM releases engines for resale after 80,000 miles or eight years of service. For more information on the Rural Fire Assistance program and the application process please visit: <http://www.fireplan.gov> under community assistance.

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North Routt Fire Protection District officials receive the keys to the fire engine obtained through BLM's Rural Fire Assistance program. In the photo (l to r) are Scott Andre, Assistant Chief of North Routt Fire Protection District, Chuck Vale, county emergency manager, Marilyn Weber, North Routt Fire Protection District, Mike Rieser and Cliff Hutton of the Northwest Colorado Fire Management Center.