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### **Willits Lane Brush Fire**

#### **Unincorporated Eagle County, Colorado – March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**

On March 11th, firefighters responded to Willits Lane for a brush pile burn that had spread to dry grasses. They arrived to find homeowners working diligently to protect their homes with garden hoses. After consuming nearly ½ acres of thick, dry grasses that came precariously close to homes, vehicles, and other structures, firefighters quickly contained the fire.

The investigation determined that the person conducting the burn had obtained a permit and had water and tools on hand to control the fire. Unfortunately, an abundance of dry, dead grasses coupled with a slight breeze spread the fire quickly out of control.

As we have an extended period before our normal grass greening up, extra caution must be taken before setting any ditch or pile burns. Burn in the early morning, and do not burn if winds are forecast.

