

## OURAY COUNTY

# Crews battle Cow Creek Fire

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Fire crews from around Ouray County responded early Wednesday morning to a wildfire that ignited in the Cimarrons east of Ridgway.

Ouray County Emergency Manager Glenn Boyd said a group of hunters reported the fire burning early Wednesday near the Stealey Mountain trailhead off County Road 12. The fire is burning on U.S. Forest Service land, in the Uncompahgre Wilderness.

As of Wednesday afternoon, officials estimated the fire to be burning less than 30 acres, in remote, steep terrain. A plume of smoke rose from the ridges below the Cimarron Range, just south of Chimney Rock and Courthouse Mountain. Officials with the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest said firefighting resources had been requested. On Wednesday morning, fire crews from the Bureau of Land Management, Ridgway, Ouray and Log Hill fire departments responded. Boyd said he first learned about the fire around 6:30 a.m.

"We're requesting some aerial

support to get eyes on it," he said.

As of press time, no injuries were reported and no structures were threatened, he said.

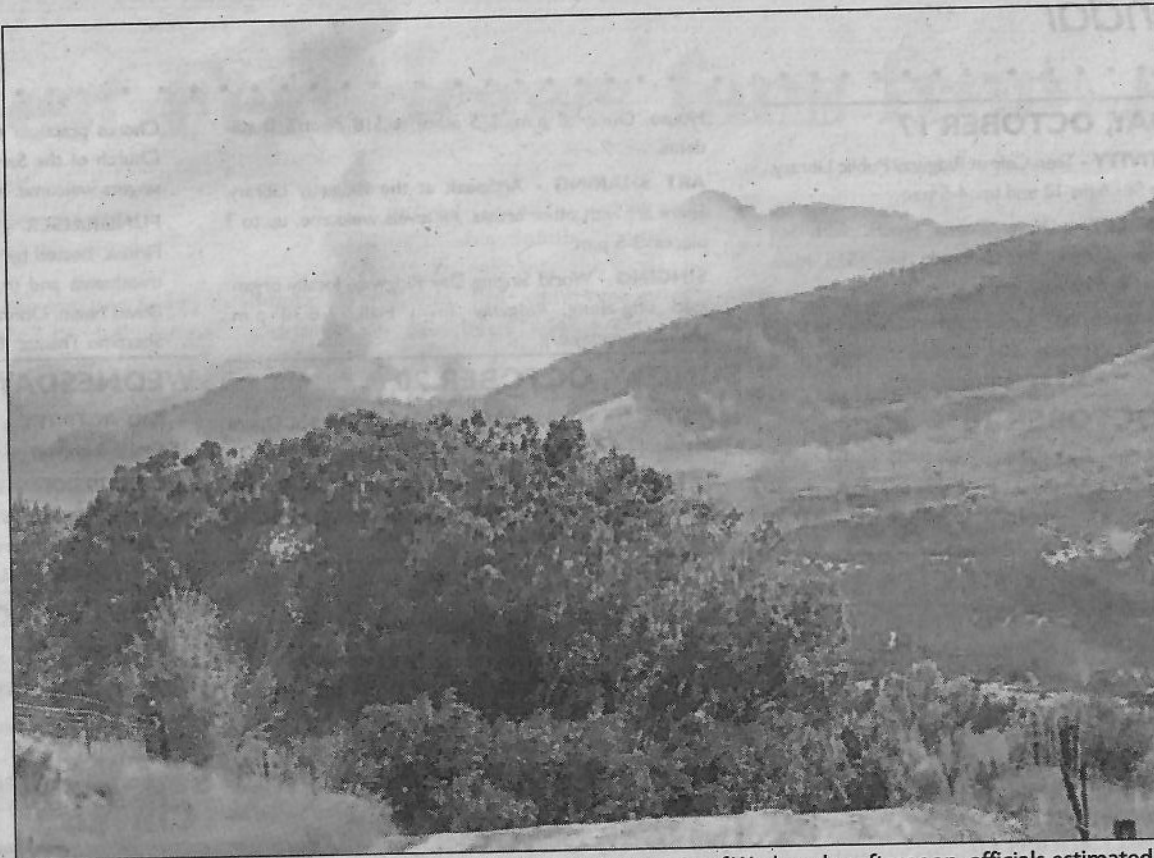
Boyd said the best thing citizens can do is to stay clear of the fire and not call 911.

"We're aware of (the fire) and

we don't need the 911 lines tied up," he said. Boyd also recommended anyone with sensitivities to smoke should stay indoors if conditions become smoky.

Three other wildfires were burning in Colorado this week and none of them were contained,

including the Decker Fire in the Rio Grande National Forest near Salida, and the Granite Lake and Middle Mamm fires in the White River National Forest. The Decker Fire was estimated at 7,034 acres on Wednesday.



The Cow Creek Fire on Wednesday around noon from Ridgway. As of Wednesday afternoon, officials estimated the fire to be burning less than 30 acres, in remote, steep terrain.

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This is an excerpt of cases handled by the Ouray County Sheriff's Office from Oct. 7-13, 2019.

**Oct. 7**

Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol with an accident involving a deer and car at Highway 62, mile marker 17.

A speeding ticket was issued to a driver at Highway 550, mile marker 116.

**Oct. 8**

Deputies received a report of a truck dumping manure on the road at the top of Red Mountain Pass.

Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol with a two-vehicle crash at Highway 550, mile marker 114.

**Oct. 9**

Deputies took a report of a single-vehicle accident at Ironton, with no injuries.

**Oct. 10**

Deputies responded to a cow in the roadway in the 8000 block of County Road 1 and put it back in the pasture.

Conrad Kortz was cited for allegedly having a suspended license and no insurance, at the intersection of Moffat Street and South Cora Street.

**Oct. 11**

A deputy helped the Colorado State Patrol with Spanish translation at Highway 550 mile marker 118.

Six drivers were cited for speeding in the area of Highway 550, mile markers 90-110.

A driver was cited for speeding in the 1900 block of Main Street.

**Oct. 12**

Deputies assisted the Colorado State Patrol with an accident involving a pickup truck and an elk in the area of Highway 62, mile marker 14.

A driver was cited for failing to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle in the area of Highway 62, mile marker 14.

**Oct. 13**

Deputy took a stray dog found near Silverton to the Second Chance Animal Shelter.