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News Release

For Immediate Release

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Address: 165 Dee Vee Drive
Alarm Type: Weed Fire Out of Control
Time Dispatched: 9:48 AM
Time on Scene: 9:53 AM
Control Time: 10:00 AM

Today the Grand Junction Fire Department responded to three incidents of burns which escalated into uncontrolled fires. The fires were at 165 Dee Vee drive, 2972 G Road and 995 23 Road.

The first fire at Dee Vee Drive caused considerable damage to a garage type structure after a permitted ditch burning got out of control and into some tall grass, brush and trees burning the plastic cover off the garage structure. The fire at 2972 G Road burned about 3 acres of field and got into some brush and piles of rubbish and threatening at least one structure prior to being extinguished. Grand Junction and Lower Valley Fire Departments responded to the third fire at 995 23 Road. This fire covered at least 10-15 acres, threatened a number of structures and damaged several bee hives.

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The Grand Junction Fire Department is urging those who have burn permits to exercise caution when burning as the vegetation is a lot dryer than it appears. The fires are burning hotter and traveling faster than expected causing those fires to get out of control quickly. Winds over the next few days are expected to increase making those burns even more dangerous. We were fortunate that quick responses to these fires today kept the damage fairly low. A great deal of resources responded to control these fires. Responding to these fires unnecessarily leaves fewer resources available to respond to other emergencies.

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