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News Release

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Fire Teams Working Large Brush Fire Near Town of Rye

Pueblo, CO: Multiple fire agencies responded today to assist Rye Fire in working a large brush fire northeast of the Town of Rye in the area of Old San Isabel Road. One outbuilding was destroyed. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The fire, named the Old San Isabel Road Fire, was reported about 11 a.m. and burned approximately 127 acres of grass, brush and trees. As of 5 p.m. Monday, the fire was 85% contained. Fire crews will monitor the fire throughout the night.

Earlier in the day, the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office requested residents in the Mount Baldy subdivision, located east of the Town of Rye, and residents on Table Mountain Road were asked to evacuate.

The Mount Baldy subdivision, located east of the Town of Rye, and residents on Table Mountain Road were evacuated. All evacuation orders have been lifted. Table Mountain Road residents will remain on pre-evacuation notice until further notice. A reception center was set up at the Colorado City Recreation Center, 5000 Cuerno Verde, but has since closed.

Pueblo School District 70 evacuated students at Rye High School and Rye Elementary School. Students were taken to Craver Middle School in Colorado City and released to their parents.

More than 40 firefighters from the following agencies assisted with fighting the fire: Rye Fire, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Bureau, Beulah Fire, Pueblo City Fire, Pueblo West Fire, Pueblo Rural Fire, West Park Fire and Pueblo County Road and Bridges.

"This was great teamwork by all involved and who quickly responded which helped to prevent further spread of this fire, particularly with the weather conditions we had today," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero.

A Red Flag warning was issued for Pueblo County for Monday due to high winds, low humidity and warmer temperatures.

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