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FARMINGTON THREATENED BY ARSON FIRES

Firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management and City of Farmington worked most of the day to suppress a string of arson fires set within 3 miles of the city. The first of the seven fires was set at approximately 6 am. in the popular Glade Run Recreation Area north of the city, an area administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Immediate response from federal and city firefighters kept damage to a minimum, approximately 5 acres of trees and grasslands were burned. Witnesses reported seeing a white Chevy S10 pickup or blazer with three people leaving the scene of some of the fires.

The San Juan Sheriff's Department helicopter helped spot fires from the air, as Federal and City fire crews worked to suppress fire after fire. The final blaze was put out in the early afternoon.

BLM responded to the first fire calls this morning with two wildland fire units, City crews included the Battalion Chief, a wildland fire unit and standard pumper. Investigators from the Bureau of Land Management and San Juan Sheriff's Department were called in at midmorning.

The area under investigation is locally called Choke Cherry Canyon.

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