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# Press Release

## Wildfire in Elbert County

Kiowa, CO, March 4, 2018: The wildfire in Elbert County, south of Kiowa (#ForestRidgeFire) is mostly under control with 90% containment. Evacuations have been lifted and people and animals are headed home. Four homes and five outbuildings were reported as destroyed. The site will be monitored overnight by first responders in case of flare ups.

Elbert County would like to thank the hundreds of staff and volunteers that responded to this event and not only worked emergency operations on site, but back at the main offices, the Emergency Operations Center, the evacuation sites, and providing food and water to team members.

Elbert County is located approximately 30 miles southeast of Denver and is home to over 26,000 residents. We are a unique mix of suburban bedroom communities and rural agricultural areas. The county provides essential statutory services and supportive infrastructure to our citizens in a professional, respectful, and cost-effective manner while creating a working environment that supports their endeavors, western lifestyle and rights as individuals. We strive to be viewed by our citizens and employees as the best place to live, work, and conduct business in Colorado; led in a responsive, effective, transparent, and professional manner.

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