

Controlled burn's plume of smoke startles residents

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FIRESTONE — A large grass fire in Firestone Dec. 8 caused concern with residents all the way in Denver.

According to Tim Zimmerman, Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District division chief, while the fire created a large amount of smoke, it was under control at all times.

"It was a non-event to us. But the large column of smoke scared people in Denver," said Zimmerman. In response, the department put out a press release to ease anxieties and slow the phone calls.

In preparation for crop production, the land owner was doing a controlled burn on their property, said Zimmerman.

The FFFPD, along with the Mountain View Fire Protection District, responded to the area of Sable Avenue and Birch Street.

Zimmerman noted that the fire was under control at all times and no structures or businesses were threatened.

All of the fire units cleared the scene by 4:40 p.m. the same day.



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The smoke from this controlled burn, near Sable Avenue and Birch Street, caught the eye of residents.