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# Salida Fire and South Arkansas Fire Protection District Proudly Announce the RANCH HAND Controlled Burn Program

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In our continuous commitment to assist our ranchers and ensure the safety of our community, Salida Fire and the South Arkansas Fire Protection District are thrilled to introduce the RANCH HAND Controlled Burn program. Recognizing the critical need for safe ditch clearing and slash pile management, we are here to support you through this process.

Our program is designed to work alongside our community's ranchers, offering expert monitoring of weather conditions and providing a dedicated fire crew to oversee the controlled burns. This invaluable service is offered at no cost, demonstrating our dedication to our community's safety and well-being.

To take advantage of the RANCH HAND Controlled Burn program and schedule your controlled burn, please reach out to Captain Chris Bainbridge at 719-530-1427 or via email at christopher.bainbridge@cityofsalida.com. Together, let's keep our community safe and support our local ranchers.

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The City of Salida, CO, is the statutory seat of Chaffee County with a population of approximately 5,700 residents. Salida is a family-friendly community ideally situated in central Colorado - known by many as the "Heart of the Rockies," both for its geographic location and the abundance of arts, cultural and recreational amenities found here. The city is dedicated to maintaining a safe, fiscally responsible and forward-thinking government where residents, businesses and visitors can thrive. Explore more about Salida at <a href="https://www.cityofsalida.com">www.cityofsalida.com</a>.