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### **Perins Peak Fire Update**

*Durango, CO, 25 May 2022*—The Perins Peak Fire is burning northwest of Durango, Colorado on Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife land. The San Juan Type III Incident Management Team is in command of the fire, which was mapped Tuesday evening at 105 acres. The cause of the fire is under investigation and is suspected to be a human-caused ignition.

The Perins Peak Fire was first reported around 5pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The initial attack included a substantial aviation component with multiple air tankers and helicopters. Due to the safety concerns regarding rugged terrain and no road access ground resources did not engage the fire. Several hot shot crews and other resources will be hiking into the fire early Wednesday morning.

The fire is burning in dense Gamel oak as well as mixed conifer in the drainage bottoms. The fire spread rapidly from the bottom of Rock Ridge Trail to the top of Perins Peak and has reached the Lightner Creek Fire scar from 2017.

A pre-evacuation notice has been ordered for County Road 208 and the Dry Fork and Rock Ridge subdivisions as well as County Road 206 to Highway 160. Trail access has been closed to Overend Mountain Park, Twin Buttes, and Perins State Wildlife Area. For more information on evacuations, visit the [La Plata County Evacuations Map](#) or call the information line: 970-385-8700.

La Plata County's emergency notification system (commonly referred to as "Reverse 9-1-1") includes cell phones and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). Residents who live in La Plata County may register up to five cell or Internet phone numbers with a physical street address, ensuring that emergency notifications are received even when residents are not at home or if they don't have a land line. To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/LPCCodeRed>.

A public meeting will be held tonight at 6pm at the La Plata County Administration Building Board Room, 1101 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Durango, CO. Seating is limited, so a virtual option will be available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86550880765?pwd=T0lvaC9rK0R6eXB2QUZ2ODdUZnF1UT09>

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