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Fire Update

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Firefighters make progress on the Perins Peak Fire

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Durango, CO, 26 May 2022—The Perins Peak Fire saw no growth during yesterday's operational period, and it was mapped at 102 acres. Firefighters made good progress working with multiple single engine airtankers and helicopters to construct and secure fireline. Engine crews installed a hose lay to the heel of the fire and patrolled the Rockwood neighborhood.

Hot shot crews hiked into the fire early this morning to continue line construction. Heavy aircraft usage will continue today as crews work to secure the fireline prior to the incoming Red Flag conditions. Fire managers expect to show some containment on the incident by the end of shift today.

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

Favorable fire weather conditions are likely again today though humidity remains low, between 7-12% and west winds 10-15 miles per hour. Beginning Friday morning, a Red Flag warning will be in effect with gusty winds, low relative humidity, and high temperatures throughout the holiday weekend. These critical fire weather conditions could pose challenges to firefighters, making today's progress especially crucial.

Remember that drones are strictly prohibited from flying near an active wildfire. This activity is both illegal and extremely dangerous. A temporary flight restriction remains in place for five nautical miles around the Perins Peak Fire.

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