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Fire Update

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Red Flag Fire Weather Again Today FINAL FIRE UPDATE

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Durango, CO, 28 May 2022— Containment increased again Friday on the Perins Peak Fire and it is now at 45% contained. Red flag weather conditions are forecast again today and stronger winds out of the southwest could ignite unburned fuel within the fire perimeter and push them toward the containment lines on the northeast side of the fire area. "The stronger winds should be a good test of our efforts to date," says Incident Commander Jay Godson. He adds that hotshot crews and other resources will continue to look for hot spots near those containment lines. An infrared mapping flight over the fire area Friday updated acreage at 106 acres, but fire crews reported only minimal fire activity yesterday.

Beginning this evening, the fire will transition to a smaller organization. Several crews are now being released so they can either return home or go to other fires. Two hotshot crews and additional personnel will remain on the fire through the weekend. Smoke will remain visible from the Durango area as interior pockets of fuel smolder.

The pre-evacuation order was lifted Friday for County Road 206 and County Road 208 (zones 5 and 6 on the attached map). A pre-evacuation notice *remains in place* for the Rockridge subdivision (zone 1). For more information on evacuations, visit the <u>La Plata County</u> <u>Evacuations Map</u>. Trails at Twin Buttes and Overend Mountain Park are now open. Trail users are encouraged to watch for trail updates while the Perins Peak Fire remains active.

Fire danger remains extremely high across southwest Colorado and both residents and visitors are urged to use extreme caution as they recreate on our public lands this weekend. Storms Sunday increase the chance of dry lightning and new fire starts, so fire managers urge the public to prevent any human-caused wildfires.

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