



## Spring Creek Fire Update

June 29, 2023

### Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

Jared Hohn, Incident Commander

**Date Reported:** June 24, 2023

**Cause:** Under Investigation

**Size:** 2,925 acres

**Containment:** 20%

**Total Personnel:** 363

**Location:** Southwest of Parachute, CO

**Current Situation:** Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team 2 (RMA CIMT2) continues planning efforts to limit negative fire impacts to private land and structures, and infrastructure. This is a full suppression strategy fire which saw minimal growth over night. Additional fire resources continue to arrive and are diligently working to protect values at risk in the area. Crews are using a variety of tactics including direct handline against the black fire's edge and indirect tactics where terrain won't allow firefighters to safely engage. Fire Managers will continue looking at long term structure protection on Wallace and Dry Creek areas that could be impacted by the fire. Air resources including helicopters and retardant delivery aircraft will continue to be used to assist firefighters as wind conditions permit.

Spring Creek Road and High Mesa Road are open to local traffic only. Please avoid these areas if possible and drive with caution with increase in fire personnel on the roadway.

**Weather & Smoke Information:** A Red Flag Warning continues through today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for elevations below 7,500 feet. A moderate inversion will be in place this morning and should lift by 11 a.m. Once the thermal belt lifts, southwesterly winds are expected to pick up with gusts from 20-30 mph throughout the afternoon. A cold front is expected to move through the area after 6 p.m. Gusts could exceed 30 mph out of the northwest after the front passes. The northwest winds will calm after midnight. The Spring Creek Fire is producing smoke that may affect air quality. For information on current air quality and related health concerns, visit [garfield-county.com/air-quality](http://garfield-county.com/air-quality) or [fire.airnow.gov](http://fire.airnow.gov).

**Closures:** Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office and US Forest Service White River National Forest have public land closure orders in place for the safety of public and firefighters.

Visit [BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office](#) and [U.S. Forest Service – White River](#) for closure orders.

**Evacuations:** There are no evacuations at this time. Residents are encouraged to register with Garfield County's emergency notification system at: Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority ([garco911.com](http://garco911.com)). All evacuation orders will be conducted through the Sheriff's office. Call recorded message line at 970-981-3401 for current evacuation information

**Temporary Flight Restrictions:** There is a TFR (FDC 3/7086) in place for air space over the Spring Creek Fire to reduce impacts to fire aviation operators. Fire aviation response is halted or delayed if an unauthorized aircraft enters the TFR. Temporary flight restrictions also apply to unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drones. If you fly, we can't!

**Fire Information Phonenumber:** (970) 414-1772 **Time:** 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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