



Spring Creek Fire Update

June 30, 2023

Rocky Mountain Area Complex Incident Management Team Two

Jared Hohn, Incident Commander

Date Reported: June 24, 2023

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 2,910 acres

Containment: 21%

Total Personnel: 441

Location: Southwest of Parachute, CO

Current Situation: Firefighters continue full suppression efforts on the Spring Creek Fire. Crews have completed indirect hand line on the northern side of the fire. This “indirect” line is an effective tactic to remove dry vegetation ahead of the fire and slow the fire’s forward progress because of the lack of burnable material. Today, a dozer will continue to improve the indirect line on the northeast side of the fire and crews have begun to improve Dry Creek Road by reducing roadside vegetation. Helicopter water bucket drops work to keep hot areas of the fire from progressing outside of the current fire footprint while hand crews are going direct along the southern fire line. Firefighters continue to seek any heat around the western side of the fire and are gaining containment. The fire had minimal growth overnight while night shift continues to monitor conditions and fire behavior.

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: An inversion will be in place this morning and is expected to lift around 10 a.m. Temperatures are expected to be in the mid-high 70s. Additional moisture is expected to move into the region that will keep the relative humidity and will bring potential dry thunderstorms across western Colorado that may bring gusty winds. 5-10 mph winds are expected out of the northwest but will remain lighter in the speed than previous days. Temperatures tonight are expected to drop into the lows 50s and relative humidity is expected to peak at 50%. Another inversion will form overnight. 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 or 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). 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 Phoneline: (970) 414-1772 **Time:** 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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