



QUARTZ RIDGE & BEAR CREEK FIRES

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Daily Update – 9:00 AM

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Highlights: Critical fire weather conditions are not expected through Tuesday. Fire activity is expected to be minimal with smoldering, creeping, and backing where pockets of heat remain. Crews and air resources are available to respond quickly if conditions change. Sunshine will provide for instability and clouds each day with scattered thunderstorms forecast in the afternoon. Winds will be generally light and less than 10 mph with gusts to 15-18 mph. Gusty and erratic winds are possible near thunderstorms.

Quartz Ridge Fire: 1799 acres, no change in acreage | 70% of objectives achieved | 72 personnel assigned

The southeastern and eastern edges of the fire continue to have pockets of heat with minimal to moderate fire behavior with some backing in steep terrain. The pocket of fire on the east side of Quartz Creek is within a rocky area and constrained by natural features. Direct control lines are being utilized to suppress accessible parts of the fire and indirect control lines are providing confinement on remote areas that present high safety risks to firefighters.

Bear Creek Fire: 415 acres, no change in acreage | 71% of objectives achieved | 21 personnel assigned

The Bear Creek fire has received precipitation within the last few days and remains quiet with a few smokes visible. Recently the rainfall pattern has been for the Bear Creek fire to receive rain when the Quartz Ridge fire has not. The fire size has remained steady at 415 acres.

Weather: High temperatures will be in the mid 70s with afternoon minimum relative humidity of 35 to 45%. Light winds of less than 10 mph are forecast. Scattered thunderstorms are forecast for the afternoon and evening and can produce strong, gusty winds. Good overnight humidity recovery with relative humidity increasing to 80% or higher.

San Juan National Forest Temporary Area Closures: Closure orders are in effect and additional information can be found [here](#). Roads and trails within area closures are Quartz Meadows Rd (NFSR#685), Mosca (Piedra) Road (NFS #631), Quartz Ridge Trail (NFST#570), Quartz Creek Trail (NFST#571), Weminuche Trail (NFS #592), Sand Creek Trail (NFS #593), NFS Trail #591, NFS Trail #524, NFS Trail #584; and NFS Trail # 673.

Restrictions: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in place for the San Juan National Forest and additional information is available [here](#).

Fire Information

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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<p><u>Quartz Ridge Fire</u></p> <p>Email: 2023.QuartzRidge@firenet.gov</p> <p>InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-quartz-ridge-fire</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095556640621</p>	<p><u>Bear Creek Fire</u></p> <p>Email: 2023.BearCreek@firenet.gov</p> <p>Inciweb https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-bear-creek-fire</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095241777192</p>
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