



## Forest Service News Release

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### Spring Creek Fire

Montrose, Colorado, Sept. 11, 2023

**Name:** Spring Creek Fire

**Location:** East of Divide road, North of Spring Creek Canyon. The fire is approximately 15 miles southwest of Montrose, Colorado.

**Size:** Approximately 16 acres

**Behavior:** Group tree torching and spotting

**Cause:** Unknown—under Investigation

**Jurisdiction:** USFS

**Containment:** 0%

**Threatened Structures:** 0

**Closures:** National Forest System Roads (NFSR) #535 – Paradox road, NFSR #402.9A – Spring Creek Trailhead road, National Forest System Trail (NFST) #116 – Spring Creek Trail (from Dented Door to Paradox), NFST #126 – Paradox Trail and NFST #114.1B – East Fork of Dry Creek Trail

At approximately 3:44 p.m. Sunday, Sept.10, the Spring Creek Fire was reported on the Uncompahgre National Forest, approximately 15 miles southwest of Montrose, Colorado. The fire size was updated to approximately 16 acres after a Multimission Aircraft infrared flight at 11:30 a.m. Fire behavior is currently group tree torching with short-distance spotting in spruce, fir and aspen forest with heavy dead and down timber. The following closures are in effect, National Forest System Road (NFSR) #535 – Paradox road, NFSR #402.9A – Spring Creek Trailhead road, National Forest System Trail (NFST) #116 – Spring Creek Trail (from Dented Door to Paradox), NFST #126 – Paradox Trail and NFST #114.1B – East Fork of Dry Creek Trail.

**Weather & Fuel Conditions:** Over the next several days, the fire area will see a potential for increased moisture, primarily in the afternoon and later into the evening. Winds remain low at 10 mph, and nighttime temperature lows remain in the mid-40s.

The fire is zero percent contained as of 11:30 a.m. No structures are threatened. Resources on scene include one Type 2 Helicopter, two dozers, one Type 4 and two Type 6 engines, and two fire modules. Firefighter and public safety are the priorities for this incident. In the interest of public safety, fire officials ask visitors to be aware of fire traffic and avoid the area. Please do not call 911. All updates will be posted to the GMUG Fire Info Facebook page.

For additional information:

GMUG National Forests Fire Information hotline: **(970) 874-6602**

Spring Creek Fire Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cogmf-spring-creek>

West Slope Fire Information website: [www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com](http://www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com)

GMUG Fire Info Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo>

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