



Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests

Forest Service News Release

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Spring Creek Fire Update

Montrose, Colorado, Sept. 14, 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: Creeping and smoldering with isolated tree torching

Cause: Under Investigation

Containment: 50%

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

The Spring Creek Fire received light precipitation last night; additional rainfall is expected today. The fire remains at 16 acres with 50% containment. Dozers have completed their work creating a containment line around the fire and firefighters are expected to complete additional containment work today.

This will be the final morning update for the Spring Creek Fire unless conditions change. We will continue to provide evening updates.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: Over the next several days, the fire area will continue to see a potential for increased moisture, primarily in the afternoon and later into the evening. Winds will remain low at 10 mph, with nighttime temperatures in the mid-40s. Smoke may be visible in the Montrose, Ridgway and Delta communities. For more information on how wildfire smoke may affect your health, please visit <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

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

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