



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: 80%

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 additional rainfall today and remains at 16 acres. Firefighters continued working on strengthening containment lines, addressing hazardous trees and mitigating any areas of remaining heat. Containment is now at 80%.

The dozers and some handcrews completed their work today and are returning to their home units. Remaining on the fire are a one 20 person hand crew, three suppression module crews and a type 6 engine.

Moving forward, there will no longer be a morning update for the Spring Creek Fire, unless conditions change. We will continue to provide one Daily Update, with the goal of releasing it toward the end of our daily operational period. All fire closures remain in effect.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: 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.nwccg.gov/incident-information/cogmf-spring-creek>

West Slope Fire Information website: www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com

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