



## Forest Service News Release

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### Spring Creek Fire Final Update

**Montrose, Colorado, Sept. 15, 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:** As of Friday, September 15 at 6 p.m., all closures due to the Spring Creek Fire have been lifted. Those lifted closures are for the following: 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 precipitation overnight and containment remains at 80%. With the increased precipitation and reduction in fire behavior, all road closures are lifted as of 6 p.m. today, Friday, September 15. For those traveling into the wilderness this weekend, please remember to be prepared for all weather conditions and to recreate responsibly.

Additional firefighting resources have been released back to their home units, with two fire suppression module teams and one engine remaining on the fire at this time. These firefighting resources will continue to monitor conditions and address any additional needs. If you are recreating in the area, please be aware of firefighting personnel and practice caution on roads and trails.

*This will be the final update for the Spring Creek Fire unless conditions change. For additional information, please visit the links listed below.*

**Weather & Fuel Conditions:** The fire area continues to see a potential for increased moisture into the weekend. 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 and continuing 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)

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