



**QUARTZ RIDGE & BEAR CREEK FIRES**

September 2, 2023  
Daily Update – 9:00 AM

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**Highlights:** San Juan National Forest has lifted Stage 1 Fire Restrictions as of August 31, 2023. Fire activity is expected to be minimal with smoldering, creeping, and backing where pockets of heat remain. Scattered areas of heat may produce more smoke today as conditions continue to dry out. Resources are available to respond quickly if conditions change. The next daily update will be on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 unless significant fire events occur.

**Quartz Ridge Fire:** 1,840 acres, no change in acreage | 77% of objectives achieved | 53 personnel assigned

Crews continue to work on building a shaded fuel break along Quartz Meadows Rd (NFSR#684). 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:** 443 acres, no change in acreage | 83% of objectives achieved | 15 personnel assigned

Minimal fire behavior is expected, but more active fire behavior may produce smoke as conditions continue to dry out. Fire spread is not expected as fuel moistures remain elevated.

**Weather:** Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. High temperatures will be in the mid to upper 60s with afternoon relative humidity of 20 to 35%. Gusty and erratic winds can be expected near thunderstorms.

**San Juan National Forest Temporary Closures:** Closure orders are in effect and additional information can be found [here](#). Roads and trails within the Quartz Fire area are Quartz Meadows Rd (NFSR#684), Quartz Ridge Trail (NFST#570), Quartz Creek Trail (NFST#571). Trails within the Bear Creek Fire area are Little Sand Trail (NFST #591), and Shaw Creek Trail (NFST#584).

**Pagosa Springs, Cloman Park:** Cloman Park is no longer being used as a camp for fire crews and is available for public use as determined by the city.

**Fire Information**

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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