



QUARTZ RIDGE & BEAR CREEK FIRES

September 5, 2023
Daily Update – 9:00 AM

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Highlights: Updates will be produced as significant fire activity occurs. 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.

Quartz Ridge Fire: 1,845 acres, increase of 3 acreages | 77% of objectives achieved | 68 personnel assigned

The Quartz Ridge Fire saw minimal growth with a total increase of 3 acres. 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: 446 acres, increase of 3 acreages | 83% of objectives achieved | 10 personnel assigned

The Bear Creek Fire saw minimal growth with a total increase of 3 acres. Minimal fire behavior is expected, but more active fire behavior may produce smoke as conditions continue to dry out. Significant fire spread is not expected as fuel moistures remain elevated.

Weather: High pressure will strengthen over the area leading to a warming and drying trend through the remainder of the week. Expect breezy southwest winds each afternoon, with high temperatures in the 60s to mid-70s.

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). The trails within the Bear Creek Fire area are Little Sand Trail (NFST #591) and Shaw Creek Trail (NFST#584).

Fire Information

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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<p><u>Quartz Ridge Fire</u></p> <p>Email: 2023.QuartzRidge@firenet.gov</p> <p>InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-quartz-ridge-fire</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095556640621</p>	<p><u>Bear Creek Fire</u></p> <p>Email: 2023.BearCreek@firenet.gov</p> <p>Inciweb https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-bear-creek-fire</p> <p>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095241777192</p>
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