



QUARTZ RIDGE & BEAR CREEK FIRES

September 7, 2023
Daily Update – 9:00 AM

Type 3 Team, Incident Commander: Nick Collard ICT3

Highlights: Fire activity and smoke production for both fires increased yesterday due to drier and relatively windier conditions. Active fire perimeter growth yesterday contributed to approximately 200 acres of growth on each incident. Significantly increased wildfire smoke from active fire growth is expected to persist in the area as near-critical fire weather conditions are forecast for today's operational period (9/7).

Quartz Ridge Fire: 2,098 acres, increase of 203 acreages | 77% of objectives achieved | 68 personnel assigned

The Quartz Ridge Fire saw an increase of activity with a total increase of 202 acres. Firefighting personnel are present in Quartz Meadow/Quartz Creek constructing a shaded fuel break. Additional personnel continue to recon the new fire perimeter and its proximity to existing infrastructure.

Bear Creek Fire: 638 acres, increase of 192 acreages | 83% of objectives achieved | 28 personnel assigned

The Bear Creek Fire saw an increase of activity with a total increase of 192 acres. Personnel remain engaged in structure protection operations. Additional fire hose, pumps, and portable water tanks are arriving today for preemptive installation.

Weather: Expect a round of near critical fire weather conditions today. High temperatures will range from the upper-60s to upper-70s, with afternoon humidity dipping below 15%. Winds will generally blow from the southwest, with afternoon gusts potentially reaching 25 mph at ridgetops. These dry and breezy conditions are expected to persist Friday and Saturday.

San Juan National Forest Temporary Closures: Closure orders are in effect and additional information can be found here: [Quartz Ridge Closure](#) and [Bear Creek Closure](#). 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

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