



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Fact Sheet for the Hope Fire – October 1, 2023

The Hope Fire was lightning-caused and detected on September 21st. The fire is being managed under a full suppression strategy by local resources from the Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest. It is currently burning at Hoppe Point located northwest of the McPhee Dam and Reservoir, east of Bradfield Campground.

The location of the fire is within the boundaries of a pre-established prescribed fire burn unit. Fire personnel have been working to prepare lines around the estimated 3,000-acre section. Firefighters are reinforcing and using these previously defined and prepared control lines to allow this naturally caused wildfire to reduce forest fuels and improve forest health within those boundaries. This will decrease risk of future catastrophic wildfire, protect infrastructure and private lands, and improve forage for wildlife.

Current

- The Hope Fire is currently at 1,290 acres.
- Firefighters made good progress on Saturday patrolling and securing lines in preparation for increased winds.
- Winds are forecasted to be stronger over the fire area today and firefighters will patrol the fire for any increases in activity.

Outlook

- Winds and the chance of scattered showers are expected to increase through Monday.
- Firefighters will take advantage of the weather to look for opportunities to reinforce control lines before a warming and drying trend begins midweek.



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