



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Fact Sheet for the Hope Fire – October 3, 2023

The Hope Fire was lightning-caused and detected on September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 prescribed fire burn unit. Fire personnel have been working to prepare lines around the estimated 3,000-acre section. Firefighters are reinforcing and using 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

- Rain over the area diminished fire behavior on Monday.
- Today, firefighters will work to improve line and patrol the fire's edge as the weather trends toward a drying period.

### Outlook

- Cooler and drier temperatures today will transition to a warming trend later in the week.
- Firefighters will continue patrolling and improving lines in anticipation of the anticipated change in the weather.

### For Hope Fire Information:



[inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-hope-fire](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-hope-fire)

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