



Trail Springs and Mill Creek 2 Fires

Update: November 4, 2023

Type 3 Team, Incident Commander Scott Bovey, 112 Personnel

Notice: This update will now occur every other day unless significant activity occurs.

The fire danger level is currently high, so it is important that forest users completely drown campfires to prevent unintended escape. Use the “drown, stir, feel” method to be sure it's dead out.

Trail Springs Fire | Size: 1251 Acres | Containment: 37% | Cause: Lightning

Fire activity has been minimal over the past few days. Large fuels, such as stumps and logs, continue to smolder and just a few areas have shown active backing to the northeast within the existing footprint. There was a small spot fire to the north of the main perimeter yesterday that firefighters were able to extinguish. Crews finished repairing the handlines located where fire growth is no longer a threat. There still remains several days of chipping, cutting, and brush removal along East Monument Road and Corral Mountain Road. A NIROPS flight is scheduled for Saturday night to measure the heat remaining within the area's fires. NIROPS is the National Infrared Operations program that flies thermal infrared detection and mapping missions. Their equipment can detect heat sources as small as 6 inches from 10,000 feet above ground. An interpreter works with the incident's GIS mapping specialists to turn the infrared data they collect into meaningful maps that are a critical tool for fire management.

Mill Creek 2 Fire | Size: 122 Acres | Containment: 0% | Cause: Under Investigation

This fire is located in rugged, remote terrain near the border of the South San Juan Wilderness Area. On their last recon flight, firefighters spotted only a few isolated locations still smoldering. Firefighters will continue to observe fire activity via aircraft until heat is no longer detected.

Weather: There is still no sign of precipitation in the five-day forecast. Temperatures will increase slightly this weekend with highs in the mid-60's. Winds remain light out of the west tomorrow but may get gusty on Sunday.

San Juan NF Temporary Closures: An area closure is in place involving roads and trails in or near the Trail Springs Fire area (Middle Mountain area). Details of the closure are on the Trail Springs Fire InciWeb page (QR code below) and on the “Alerts and Notices” page of the forest website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice>

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in effect: https://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_3_8962.html#areas

Fire Information: 970-426-5370 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) | **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/sanjuannationalforest>

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InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-trail-springs-fire>

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