



## Trail Springs and Mill Creek 2 Fires

**Update: November 6, 2023**

Type 3 Team, Incident Commander Scott Bovey, 112 Personnel

**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: 1269 Acres | Containment: 37% | Cause: Lightning

Saturday's infrared mapping flight showed approximately 18 acres of growth, primarily to the north. There's still some heat in the West Fork of Devil Creek drainage on the west side of the fire but it has not crossed the creek. Little to no growth is expected to the south due to the presence of the Chris Mountain Fire scar and the east side is contained. Crews have completed the work that was being done to create a shaded fuel break on the west side of Corral Mountain Road and the chipping along East Monument Road. Select resources assigned to this fire remain available to assist local agencies with new fires. They were dispatched to help suppress several new starts over the weekend. On Trail Springs, firefighters will be continually patrolling to make sure isolated areas of active fire are not advancing beyond the limits defined in the incident objectives.

**Mill Creek 2 Fire** | Size: 126 Acres | Containment: 0% | Cause: Human

This fire is located in rugged, remote terrain near the border of the South San Juan Wilderness Area northeast of Pagosa Springs. Saturday's infrared data showed that scattered pockets of heat remained within the fire perimeter and the fire area grew approximately four acres in size. Yesterday's gusty weather created more smoke than what has been seen for the past couple of weeks and that smoke may continue tomorrow. Firefighters investigated the smoke and confirmed that it poses no threat.

**Weather:** Another sunny day, with no chance of rain in the forecast. Winds are expected to come from the west, shifting to the southwest in the afternoon, at 10-15mph. Relative humidity will be in the low 20's again.

**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](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>

### Trail Springs Fire



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

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**InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident-information/cosjf-mill-creek-2-fire>