

Spruce Creek Fire

May 22, 2024

Fire start date: May 14, 2024

Fire size today: 1,867 acres

<u>Location</u>: 11 miles Northeast of Dolores, CO on Haycamp Mesa

Personnel: 172

Cause: Lightning

Evacuation Information:

There are no current evacuations.

Fire Area and Roads Closure:

https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/inciden t-information/cosjf-2024-sprucecreek-co

Latest Smoke Outlook:

https://fire.airnow.gov/?aqi_v=2&m _ids=&pa_ids=%23

INCIDENT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide for firefighter and public safety throughout all phases of the incident
- Manage hazards to responders and the public using a risk-based approach to decision-making on a continual basis
- Protect critical values at risk
- Reduce the long-term risk to communities from future wildfire events

YESTERDAY'S OPERATIONS:

- Firefighters made significant progress securing the edges of the northern and western indirect fire boundaries, using patrols and crews with hand tools and water.
- Crews also worked to further protect cultural heritage sites from fire impact.

TODAY'S PLAN:

- The incident management team plans to use two aerial ignitions teams and hand crews to secure the previously defined indirect boundaries along natural features and existing roads. These indirect tactics have been determined to be the best approach to both containing the fire and reducing long-term fire risk to area communities.
- Smoke will likely be very visible throughout the area, and may settle into valleys and other low-lying areas, especially at night and in the early morning hours. Wildfire smoke may affect your health. For more information, please go

to: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health

WFATHER:

Lower humidity and warmer temperatures are forecast for Wednesday.
 High temperatures in the fire area will be in the upper 50s to low 60s with light southwesterly winds.

Incident Information: https://tinyurl.com/89faykb2
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