



NOTE: This is the final daily update for the Spruce Creek Fire. Any future updates will be provided on InciWeb and on the San Juan National Forest Facebook page (links are below).

Spruce Creek Fire

May 28, 2024

<p>Fire start date: May 14, 2024</p> <p>Fire size today: 5,699 acres</p> <p>Location: 11 miles Northeast of Dolores, CO on Haycamp Mesa</p> <p>Personnel: 146</p> <p>Cause: Lightning</p> <p>Containment: 83%</p> <p>Evacuation Information: There are no current evacuations.</p> <p>Latest Smoke Outlook: https://fire.airnow.gov/?aqi_v=2&m_ids=&pa_ids=%23</p>	<p>INCIDENT OBJECTIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<p>YESTERDAY’S OPERATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke output was minimal, and confined to interior pockets of fuel. • Firefighters patrolled the perimeter, clearing brush and other wood debris to further-strengthen firelines. • Crews removed hazard trees from areas near Forest Service roads.
	<p>TODAY’S PLAN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today, the fire transitioned back to the San Juan National Forest and a local Type 4 incident commander. • The Closure Order covering roads in the fire area has been rescinded. The area is open to the public, but please be careful, and aware that firefighters are still working in the area. Crews continue to secure fireline and mitigate hazards near roads and trails. Pockets of ground fuels within the fire’s interior continue to burn. • Hazards may include stump holes with hot ashes, unstable ground where roots have burned and fire-weakened trees. These hazards are not always obvious to the casual observer so, when in the area, enter at your own risk, and please keep your dogs leashed. • Smoke may be visible in the area and it 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
	<p>WEATHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperatures over the fire area may reach 70 on Monday, as the warming trend continues. Humidity levels will drop down into the teens. Winds will be light and terrain-driven.