



South Rim Fire

July 13, 2025

<p><u>Fire start date:</u> July 10, 2025</p> <p><u>Percent contained:</u> 0%</p> <p><u>Fire size today:</u> 3,556 acres</p> <p><u>Location:</u> Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park South Rim</p> <p><u>Cause:</u> Lightning</p> <p><u>Personnel:</u> 190</p> <p><u>Evacuation Information:</u> Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park has been evacuated and is CLOSED to the public.</p> <p>Hwy 347 is closed at the junction of Hwy 50.</p> <p>Bostwick Park community in Montrose Co. is under an evacuation notice.</p> <p>Evacuations have been issued by Montrose County for residences on M73, N73, N74, and O74 roads.</p> <p>Learn more from Montrose County: westslopefireinfo.com</p> <p><u>Latest Smoke Outlook:</u> https://fire.airnow.gov/#6/39.077/-108.727</p>	INCIDENT OBJECTIVES:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide for firefighter and public safety throughout the incident.• Protect critical values at risk, including dam and power infrastructure, Private and NPS infrastructure, and BLM/NPS cultural sites.• Limit fire spread toward values at risk utilizing a combination of heavy equipment, aviation, crews and engines.
	YESTERDAY'S OPERATIONS:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activity increased on the western flank and fire head. Montrose County evacuated residents along M73, N73, N74, and O74 roads.• The fire is establishing in the canyon, causing fire to build in the bottom and run up to the rim, creating dangerous conditions.• Structure protection continued. Retardant was used to protect infrastructure and limit fire spread.• Aviation resources provided retardant, mapping, and aerial supervision. Two additional helicopters began operations.• The night shift began constructing dozer line in critical areas.
	TODAY'S PLAN:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit fire spread towards communities and dam infrastructure by burning off, tying into natural features such as rock outcroppings, using bulldozers, and digging direct fireline where practicable.• Airtankers and other aviation assets will support the fire with retardant to protect structures as well as water buckets, mapping, and aerial supervision.• The night shift will continue burnout operations on the fire's leading edge to prevent further progress toward private lands.• The Rocky Mountain Complex Incident Management Team will take over operations at 0600 tomorrow.
	WEATHER: High temperatures today will be between 83-88F. The humidity is expected to be low, around 11-16%. Southeast winds 10 mph shifting to the west 8-10 mph in the afternoon.
	SMOKE: Smoke may be visible and may settle into valleys and other low-lying areas. Wildfire smoke may affect your health. For more information, visit: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health
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