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Firefighters respond to Stoner Mesa Fire, burning northeast of Dolores, CO

Evacuations have been ordered for Stoner and Taylor Mesas on the San Juan National Forest

DOLORES, Colo., Aug. 5, 2025 —Firefighters responded this afternoon to the Stoner Mesa Fire, burning roughly 20 miles northeast of Dolores and west of Rico, CO. The fire, currently estimated at 250-300 acres, is exhibiting extreme fire behavior, and is growing to the east. The fire has not reached Stoner Creek at this time.

Dolores County has issued an evacuation order for San Juan National Forest lands on Stoner and Taylor Mesa. This includes Stoner Mesa Road (FS Road 686), Taylor Mesa Road (FS Road 545) as well as all roads branching off, Mavreeso Campground, and West Dolores Campground. Dolores and Montezuma County Sheriffs Offices are coordinating this evacuation.

Resources on scene include multiple airtankers, an air attack aerial supervision plane, and two helicopters. Helicopters are flying roadways to assist in evacuating recreators. The fire is very remote and inaccessibility on foot or road due to heavy dead and down trees. As of Tuesday evening, the fire is still actively burning and demonstrating extreme fire behavior in mixed conifer and aspen forest.

For official fire information, please visit the Stoner Mesa Inciweb page at <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/cosjf-stoner-mesa-fire>

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