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August 2 Bull Draw Fire Update Expected favorable weather will aid crews with containment

Location: 12 miles northeast of Nucla

Start Date: July 29, 2018

Resources: 75 personnel and air support

Vegetation: Pinyon, juniper and sagebrush

Cause: Lightning

Size: Approximately 3815 acres August 2, 2018 at 8 a.m.

Containment: 5%

Fire activity: The fire had minimal growth overnight compared to the last few days, spreading east into an old burn scar and further north onto the Uncompahgre National Forest. Fire fighting efforts continue to focus on protecting private resources and other values at risk primarily along the east flank of the fire.

Today's operations: Hand crews and bull dozers continue working to secure contingency lines off the U18 Road, patrolling for hot spots on the east and southern flanks, and evaluating burn severity within the fire perimeter. Crews are hopeful for larger containment gains today with favorable wind conditions and weather outlook as well as better familiarity with the landscape.

Closures:

- Montrose County Road U18/Spring Creek Truck Trail
- Forest Service Roads 425, 598, 599 and 668. These closures also affect the following trails: 616, 617, 623, 624, 622 and 625.
- These closures are in effect for firefighter and public safety. Fire managers ask members of the public to take care while driving in the general fire vicinity, as fire vehicles and equipment are present along narrow, rough and windy roads in the area.

Smoke impacts: Smoke and ash may be visible from various locations in San Miguel, Delta and Montrose counties. Other fires across the west are also affecting overall air quality and smoke in the area. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued an air quality health advisory for much of western Colorado. For information on smoke impacts to air quality, visit

https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colo_advisory.aspx.

Fire information links for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests please visit:

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests website: www.fs.usda.gov/gmug

West Slope Fire Information: www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF

Updated information and maps:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6059/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire

For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Information line (970.240.1070), visit the Montrose Interagency Dispatch website (https://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/) or follow us on Twitter (https://twitter.com/SWD_Fire) and Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BLMMontroseFireUnit>).

The Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit covers the BLM Colorado's Southwest District and the Gunnison Field Office (BLM), the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), and Tres Rios Field Office (BLM) in the Colorado counties of Archuleta, Conejos, Delta, Dolores, Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mesa, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Rio Grande, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel.

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