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Bull Draw Fire near Nucla continues to grow

Montrose, Colo.—The Bull Draw Fire located in a remote location 12 miles northwest of Nucla grew overnight and is estimated at 2,800 acres. It is anticipated to move into the Hog Point Area. Currently, fire operations will focus on preparing containment lines along the east flank of the fire.

A Type 3 team has taken over command of the fire this morning. There are approximately 75 personnel on the fire including three Type 2 hand crews, five engines, two water tenders, three dozers and one Type 2 helicopter. Additional resources have been ordered.

Local Volunteer Fire Departments from Nucla and the surrounding towns are providing structure protection, and delivering water for the tenders and helicopters.

The lightning-ignited fire was reported Sunday morning, July 29 and is primarily burning in pinyon, juniper and sagebrush. Firefighter and public safety are the priorities for all fire activities on Bull Draw. There are no evacuation orders in effect, however, the following roads are closed to prevent public use in the area: U-18 road/Spring Creek Truck Trail and Forest Service Roads 668 and 425. Fire vehicles and equipment will be moving throughout the area so we are asking the public to be careful while driving in the area. If additional road closures are in place, they will be listed on Inciweb and Facebook (links below).

Smoke may be visible from the Bull Draw Fire in various locations in San Miguel, Delta and Montrose Counties. Other fires across the west are also adding to the overall air quality. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued an air quality health advisory for much of western Colorado, including Montrose and Delta counties. For information on smoke impacts to air quality, visit https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx.

Information, updates and maps will be posted on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Inciweb](#).

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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