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-Final Update-

Nelson Ditch Fire

Date: Friday, July 19, 2019

Acres: 43 acres as of July 19 at 1500

Containment: 75%

Personnel: 65

Weather: Hot, dry and breezy conditions continue with widely scattered showers possible Saturday evening.

Closures: There are no closures or evacuations associated with the Nelson Ditch fire.

Current Situation: The fire continues to slowly burn through pinyon juniper fuels, with no current growth shown after the recent flight by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control's Multi-Mission Aircraft (MMA). The MMA is a Pilatus PC-12 turbo-prop aircraft that is outfitted with state-of-the-art infrared and color sensors that provide near real time information to ground forces on initial attacks on wildfires. There is a perimeter around 75 percent of the fire and one helicopter has been released. Currently one water tender, one helicopter, one hot shot crew, and six engines remain at the incident.

Fire activity has decreased allowing firefighters to take actions to hold existing lines and improve constructed fire lines. Firefighters continue to secure perimeter lines and have begun mop up operations. Due to the decrease in fire activity, the incident will transition back to the management of the Bureau of Land Management, Southwest District Office at 6:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Firefighters will continue to patrol and monitor the fire. This will be the final update for the Nelson Ditch Fire.

Fire Information Links:

Wildfire Smoke Information: www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health

West Slope Fire Information: www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com

Homeowners interested in fire mitigation work are encouraged to contact the West Region Wildfire Council at (970) 615-7300 or <http://www.cowildfire.org/>.

For recorded info on area wildfires:

970-240-1070 (BLM Southwest Colorado Fire and Aviation Management Unit Information Line)

Public health info: Smoke from various fires around the state of Colorado and other western states will continue to impact this area. For a detailed daily air quality summary, visit:

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

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