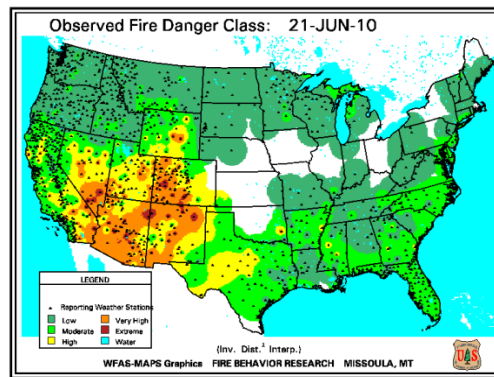




2010 Colorado Wildfire Season June 25, 2010 Update



*No updates have been made to the RMRS Wildland Fire Assessment System map since June 21

Current Large Fires in Colorado

Several large fires currently are burning in the state, including:

- The Parkdale Canyon Fire, which is 85 percent contained. Mop-up operations have begun (full details below).
- The lightning-caused Medano Fire, 25 miles northeast of Alamosa in Saguache and Huerfano counties, which has been burning since June 6. The fire is burning in rugged terrain on the east side of Great Sand Dunes National Park and in the San Isabel National Forest. The fire is estimated to have burned 5,417 acres. The fire is 7 percent contained and a confinement strategy remains in place, with 332 personnel on the fire. The Park remains open.
- The lightning-caused Water Creek Fire, 8 miles west of Rifle, which has burned approximately 200 acres of primarily dead and downed timber and spruce/fir since it began June 19. The fire is being managed for multiple objectives.
- The Goshorn Fire, approximately 15 miles southeast of Norwood, has burned 291 acres and is now 100 percent contained.

Parkdale Canyon Fire ~ Update from 10:00 a.m., June 25, 2010

Location / County: County Road 61, south of Highway 50 and northwest of the Royal Gorge Bridge in Fremont County. Approximately 6 miles northwest of Cañon City.

Start Date: June 21, 2010

Acres: Approximately 629 acres of piñon pine, juniper and brush. The burned acreage estimate has been reduced since yesterday due to more accurate mapping.

Containment: 85 percent

Evacuations: All mandatory evacuations have been lifted.

Structures Lost/Damaged: Four structures lost

Other Values at Risk: 85 structures, power lines

Significant Events: Transfer of command from the current Type II Incident Management Team back to a local Type III Team is planned for tomorrow. Perimeter control and mop-up operations are ongoing as the fire begins to smolder. Closures to the Royal Gorge Bridge, Buckskin Joe and a KOA campground are no longer in effect. Highway 50 has been reopened to traffic in both directions. Restrictions to rafting in the Gorge have also been lifted.

Cause: Human-caused; the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Cost (Estimated): \$977,729 (to date)

Resources: Approximately 222 personnel; the Type II Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team B, under Incident Commander Todd Pechota, continues to manage the fire. Multiple interagency, county and federal crews are on the fire. Crews from outside of the area are being demobilized as they are rerouted to other fires (including the Medano Fire) or to resume duty in their home areas. Thirteen engines remain on the fire, but this number should decline over the course of the day.

EFF/ FEMA Status: EFF only

Activity Summary

- Some Rocky Mountain Area resources are being dispatched to the Southwest Area due to higher fire activity there.
- There are no new large fires in the Rocky Mountain Area. For more information, go to: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- No management teams from this region currently are working out of state (Sit report: <http://www.nifc.gov/news/nicc.html> or <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/logistics/overhead.html>)

Current Colorado Fire Outlook

- The fire situation rating for the Rocky Mountain Area remains at **Preparedness Level 2**, indicating that resources within local dispatch areas are still adequate, with the potential for some mobilization of additional resources from other local dispatch areas.
- The national fire danger map at http://www.fs.fed.us/land/wfas/fd_class.png, shown at the top of this report, has not been updated for today.
- There are no Red Flag Warnings in Colorado today. For more information, go to <http://www.weather.gov/alerts/co.html>. A map can be viewed at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>.
- Subtropical moisture will increase the chance of thunderstorms over central and southern Colorado. Warm temperatures and breezy conditions on the Western Slope may increase the potential for large fire activity. Temperatures will be in the mid-90s with winds of 10-20 mph.

Current National Fire Information

For National Fire Maps, go to:

- <http://geomac.usgs.gov/> (and click on “Quick View Active Perimeters”)
- <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> for national fire news and the national preparedness level. Large fires burning in the Southwest, particularly in Arizona, may impact current resource availability for Colorado. Nationally, 38 large fires are being managed to achieve multiple objectives.