



Medano Fire

June 26, 2010, 9 a.m.

Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve is open.

Closures: Some trails and roads near the fire only. Contact Fire Information below.

Fire Size Today:
5417 acres

216 Firefighters:
11 crews,
8 engines and
3 helicopters

Costs To Date: \$1.8 million

Location: Sangre de Cristos Mountains, 25 miles NE of Alamosa CO and 15 miles W of Westcliffe, CO

Fire is being managed on both the San Isabel National Forest and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve.

Started: 6/6/10 lightning caused

Management: Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team A

Mitigation Fair today at Custer County High School in Westcliffe, 4-7 p.m.

The Medano Fire continued to burn with low to moderate levels of fire activity.

Although relative humidity increased and thunderstorms were in the area, little to no rain fell on the fire. Increased chances of thunderstorms are predicted for today with a higher chance for wetting rains Monday through Wednesday. Warmer temperatures and a slight chance of dry thunderstorms will return on Thursday.

Firefighting crews will continue constructing line along the south and east flanks of the fire in preparation for possible burn out operations in the future. Burn outs consume unburned fuel between the edge of the fire and prepared fire lines. Burn outs allow firefighters to use lower intensity fire to reinforce the control line.



View of control line on east flank of fire. Hand crews and bulldozers constructed the line.

Incident Information: www.inciweb.org; 720-219-4456, -57, or -58.

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