



Medano Fire

June 27, 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:
5440 acres

344 Firefighters:
11 crews
8 engines
3 helicopters

Location: Sangre de Cristo 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.

Cause: 6/6, lightning

Management: Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team A

Community Meeting Monday, June 28 7 p.m. at Moffat school

We would like to remind people that Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve remains open.

The southern portion of the Medano Fire continues to smolder. Higher humidity the last couple of days has tempered fire activity. Some areas experienced moderate levels of fire activity yesterday but total growth in the last two days was less than 30 acres. Afternoon winds resulted in visible smoke from Colorado Highway 69.

The weather forecast for today and the next few days calls for cooler temperatures, thunderstorms and precipitation. Firefighters will take advantage of this break in the weather to complete fire line south of the fire's perimeter and to reinforce line along the northeast side of the fire before warm dry conditions return later this week.

Fire managers are assessing conditions for burning out fuels between the edge of the fire and the fire line on the San Isabel National Forest. The goal is to corral the fire by removing fuels using lower intensity fire.



Members of the Mid Plains Interagency Handcrew attend a morning briefing with other crews working on Wolf Springs Ranch in connection with the Medano Fire.

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

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