



Medano Fire

June 28, 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:
5449 acres

351 Firefighters:
6 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

Rain and hail fell on the Wet Mountain Valley yesterday. However, the fire itself received no measurable precipitation.

Beginning today managers hope to ignite fuels using a torch slung from a helicopter. They will work on the southern portion of the Medano Fire on San Isabel National Forest land. High wind or humidity could hamper plans. The ignition would clear out unburned fuels inside control lines before dry weather returns.

Smoke and fire may be visible for several days. **Please do not call 911.** Smoke indicates fuels are being consumed, the primary goal of the burnout.

Drivers on Colorado Highway 69 should use caution as there may be increased fire-related traffic. Those wishing to observe should park well off the road.



Public meeting at Mosca High School

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

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