

DURANGO INTERAGENCY FIRE DISPATCH

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Little Sand Fire Morning Update – June 9, 2012

“Today is a good day to live in the present, please be safe and know your surroundings” stated Kevin Khung with the San Juan National Forest, at this morning’s briefing. Firefighters were briefed this morning on today’s events and what to expect with the Red Flag Warning that is in place today from noon until 9:00 p.m. (MST). These warnings are indicators to firefighters and management officials that weather conditions will be at a level where increased fire activity and higher rates of spread may occur in the event of an ignition. Crews were also briefed on yesterday’s growth near Sand Creek north of the Piedra River.

Today’s activities will include the following:

- € Division A/B – (east/southeast) Crews in this area will continue to hold and improve the line along Trail Creek.
- € Division Y – (southwest) This division stretches from the confluence of the Piedra and Weminuche Rivers to the 642 Road. Crews will continue to hold the fire north of the Piedra River.
- € Division Z – (north) – The helicopters will continue to monitor this area by air, and provide bucket work with water as needed. This division is from the Weminuche Creek to the end of the 642 road.
- € Structure Group – This group will continue to work around structures to ensure that mitigation work has been completed and that structures in the area remain protected. There is no imminent threat to structures at this time.

Donations for firefighters:

Firefighters are national resources that require specific training and nutrition to sustain the hard work they complete on a daily basis. As a highly trained resource, the demands of their job require that they maintain good nutritional values. On incidents, Food Unit Leaders work with caterers to ensure that food needs are met. Although we appreciate the outpouring of support from our communities, food donations to an incident can become difficult to manage and provide food that does not meet the nutritional needs of our fire crews. Firefighters most appreciate the “thank you” signs that they pass on the way to work, and the thank you cards that we can post and put in their lunches.

Archuleta County is now in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. For more information see attached flyer or visit their site at www.ACEMERGENCY.org under the Wildland Fire tab.
Fire stats at a glance:

Start Date: May 13th, 2012

Cause: Lightning

Acreage: 7,261

Personnel: 108

Crews: 4

Cooperating Agencies: Hinsdale County,
Archuleta County, USFS, CSFS

Aviation: (2) Type 1, (1) Type 2 and (1) Type
3 Helicopter

Engines: 3

Injuries: 1

Structures destroyed: 0

Structures threatened: 0

Cost to date: \$2,528,733

Closures of roads, trails and campgrounds can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/LittleSandClosures>.

Websites:

www.acemergency.org

www.inciweb.org