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## Sunrise Mine fire burning north of Paradox

**MONTROSE, Colo.-** The Sunrise Mine fire ignited around 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25 about four miles north of Paradox, Colo. Today, over 2000 acres of public land has burned, and the cause of the fire is currently under investigation. There are 10 engines on the scene with additional resources moving into the area.

Fire crews have created defensible spaces around structures in the area and no structures have burned at this time. Information about the containment and control times are not available at this time.

Multiple resources are fighting this fire with personnel from the Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit, Montrose County Posse, Paradox Volunteer Fire Department, Gateway Fire Department, Nucla/Naturita Volunteer Fire Department, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Upper Colorado Fire Management Unit and the Bureau of Land Management-Colorado and Utah.

“Due to high winds, we are discouraging the public from entering the area north of Paradox and the Buckeye Reservoir in order to ensure public safety,” said Mike Davis, Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit fire manager.

For fire information and updates in the Montrose Interagency Fire Management unit, call the fire hotline at 970-240-1070.

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For information on wildfires and restrictions in the area, call the MIFMU Fire Information line (970.240.1070), visit the MIFMU website ([http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2mtc/](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2mtc/)), or follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/MIFMU>).

*The Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit covers the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest (USFS), the Gunnison Field Office (BLM), the Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park (NPS), Curecanti National Recreation Area (NPS), and public lands in the counties of Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel.*

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