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Sunrise Mine fire partially contained

MONTROSE, Colo. - The Sunrise Mine fire, about four miles north of Paradox, Colo., is about 30 percent contained. Over 5,200 acres of public land have burned on the fire that ignited around 5 p.m. on Friday, May 25. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Buckeye Road, R1 Road, U5 Road and John Brown Roads into the area are closed for public safety. Additionally, the San Juan County Sherriff in Utah placed road closures at the Redds property line on the north and south sides.

Fire crews have created defensible spaces around structures in the area. No structures have burned.

There are seven aircraft, six engines, three 20-person crews and about 20 overhead personnel on the scene. Additional resources including a type one team are moving into the area. Multiple resources are fighting this fire with personnel from the Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit, Montrose County Sherriff's Posse, Paradox Volunteer Fire Department, Gateway Fire Department, Nucla/Naturita Volunteer Fire Department, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Upper Colorado River Fire Management Unit, the state of Colorado and the state of Utah.

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

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/), 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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