



# Northwest Colorado Fire Management Unit



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## Spring Creek Fire Update 8:30 p.m.

Rangely, CO – The Spring Creek Fire located eight miles south east of Rangely in Rio Blanco County is estimated to be 250 acres. The fire was responsible for a power outage earlier this afternoon, but White River Electric was able to restore power by early evening.

The blaze started around 1:30 p.m. in a canyon bottom on the East Fork of Spring Creek making runs in grass and brush. By this evening the fire had moved up the canyon and was actively burning in sagebrush, pinyon and juniper trees, and Douglas Fir stands.

A local type three incident management team has been mobilized to manage the fire which is burning on Bureau of Land Management public land. The fire started on private land.

Responding to the fire initially were Rangely Rural Fire Protection District, Rio Blanco County, BLM, and United States Forest Service. Currently, four engines, a five-person squad, a 20-person hot shot crew, three air tankers, and a helicopter are assigned to the incident. Additional crews and fire personnel are on order.

Three structures, oil and gas infrastructure, and a White River Electric power line are threatened. The cause is under investigation.

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Note: Next update will be available at 8:30 a.m.

