



# BLM News Release

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## *Eco Park Fire southwest of Cañon City update*

**CAÑON CITY, Colo.** – Firefighters are in the process of securing the fire perimeter and mopping up hot spots on the Eco Park Fire located on BLM lands two miles southwest of Cañon City. Winds are from the west at 10-15 mph with gusts up to 30 mph and are expected to calm down and shift from the northwest at 4-8 mph after 8:00 tonight. The fire is 50% contained and full containment is expected by this evening. The size of the fire is five acres and the cause is under investigation.

A large airtanker dropped three loads of fire retardant on the fire early this afternoon. The retardant slowed the fire activity down giving firefighters the opportunity to keep the fire from spreading. Fire resources include: the Smokey Bear 20-person hot shot crew (out of New Mexico); one BLM engine; two Forest Service engines; Fremont County responded with two brush trucks, nine paid firefighters and six volunteer firefighters; and Cañon City responded with one brush truck, one water tender and nine firefighters. A total of 50 firefighters responded.

The Fremont County and Cañon City firefighter resources have been released. The remaining firefighters will continue mop up operations until dark. Two FS engines and the Smokey Bear hot shots will return in the morning to continue the mop up operations. No structures were threatened and there were no injuries.

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