

**Colorado Lake Christine and Spring Creek Wildfires  
July 5, 2018**

**Office of the Governor John Hickenlooper**

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Denver, CO 80203

(303) 866-2471

<https://www.colorado.gov/governor>

No Governor statement at this time.

**Department of Emergency Management**

9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Suite 200

Centennial, CO 80112

(720) 852-6600

<http://www.coemergency.com>

**Colorado State EOC Remains Activated at Level II Supporting Wildfires**

The State Emergency Operations Center remains at Level II activation to support statewide wildland fires.

**FIRES**

<b>Name of Fire</b>	<b># Acres</b>	<b>Containment</b>	<b>County</b>
<b>Spring Fire</b>	78,944	<b>5%</b>	Costilla   Huerfano
<b>416 Fire</b>	52,778	<b>37%</b>	La Plata
<b>Burro Fire</b>	4,415	<b>40%</b>	Montezuma
<b>Weston Pass Fire</b>	9,342	<b>0%</b>	Park
<b>Sugarloaf Fire</b>	1,300	<b>1%</b>	Grand
<b>Chateau Fire</b>	1,400	<b>15%</b>	Teller
<b>Chedsey Fire</b>	24	<b>0%</b>	Routt
<b>Adobe Fire</b>		<b>0%</b>	Custer

## **Costilla County**

Emergency Management

(719) 672-3302

<http://www.costillacounty-co.gov>

<http://www.slvemergency.org/NfRmZ>

Evacuation orders for the area North and East of Trinchera Ranch Road, and south of Highway 160 in the Fort Garland area.

The Evacuation Shelter remains open at the Blanca/Fort Garland Community Center managed by the Red Cross.

Evacuees will receive information about when they can return to their property through the local Emergency Alert system - Everbridge. You must be registered with Everbridge to receive these notifications. To register go to:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/89280773672463#/signup>

EB/WB Highway 160 from Fort Garland to La Veta (mile post 259-294) is closed as of 12:03am Friday June 29th. There is no estimate for reopening at this time.

Evacuated residents that may be expecting necessities like medications via UPS may call 719-589-4477 for information.

For Official Information follow <https://www.facebook.com/SpringFire2018>

## **Eagle County**

Emergency Management

(970) 479-2201

<http://www.eaglecounty.us>

For fire updates visit

<http://www.eaglecounty.us/Sheriff>

Health Alert Update: #LakeChristineFire

Air Quality Health Advisory for Wildfire Smoke

Issued for southwestern Eagle and southeastern Garfield Counties

Issued at 8:00 AM MDT, Thursday, July 5, 2018

Issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Affected Area: southwestern Eagle and southeastern Garfield Counties. Locations include, but are not limited to Basalt, El Jebel and Carbondale.

Advisory in Effect: 8:00 AM MDT Thursday, July 5, 2018 to 9:00 AM MDT Friday, July 6, 2018.

Public Health Recommendations: If smoke is thick or becomes thick in your neighborhood you may want to remain indoors. This is especially true for those with heart disease, respiratory illnesses, the very young, and the elderly. Consider limiting outdoor activity when moderate to heavy smoke is present.

Consider relocating temporarily if smoke is present indoors and is making you ill. If visibility is less than 5 miles in smoke in your neighborhood, smoke has reached levels that are unhealthy.

Outlook: Areas of moderate to heavy smoke from the Lake Christine Fire are impacting areas along Highway 82 from Basalt to Carbondale. Conditions will gradually improve during the day Thursday as the smoke lifts and remains close to the fire. However, thunderstorms with erratic, gusty winds are possible Thursday afternoon which could send smoke in any direction. Thursday night and Friday morning smoke will likely increase again as it settles, likely impacting Basalt, El Jebel and Carbondale.

For the latest Smoke Outlook, visit:

<http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/addendum.aspx#smoke>

For more information about smoke and your health, visit:

<http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/wildfire.aspx>

For the latest Colorado statewide air quality conditions, forecasts, and advisories, visit:

[http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado\\_summary.aspx](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx)

Social Media:

<http://www.facebook.com/cdphe.apcd>

<http://twitter.com/#!/cdpheapcd>

## **Huerfano County**

Emergency Management

(719) 738-3000, ext 120

<http://www.huerfano.us>

The fire acreage is now 103,357.

There is a FLASH FLOOD WATCH for the Spring Creek Fire.

Current Situation: Overall fire activity is expected to be less than previous days, however, fire will remain active in the heavier fuels as the day heats up. There could be spotting up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile with higher wind gusts, and outflow winds from passing thunderstorms could push the fire in any direction.

Yesterday evening, fire moved west across the small area of uncontained fireline on the north side of Division D. Crews are currently putting fireline around this approximately 20-acre area. There is potential for spotting south of Highway 160 today. Firefighters are monitoring this area closely, cooling hotspots and performing point protection.

On the west fire perimeter in Division A, there was minimal fire activity on July 4. Today, crews will mop-up hotspots in this area, checking for any heat near structures. They will continue to secure the direct line in Division A.

In Division Z on the southwest perimeter, the fire will keep backing down the slope toward W. Indian Creek. Firefighters will continue constructing fireline near the drainage, prepping for firing operations if needed. They are also assessing opportunities for direct line construction, with the goal of keeping the fire north of W. Indian Creek.

Heavy equipment is working in Division N to connect indirect fireline to neighboring divisions. On the border of Divisions N and K on the south, there is dozer line around the north, east and south sides of South Forbes Park. Fire activity in South Forbes Park remained mostly quiet yesterday, however, scattered heat and hotspots are still a concern.

Crews made good progress on the contingency line near Bonnett Park in Division K, south of the advancing fire front. Crews are working on multiple contingency lines in this area, and they continue to look for opportunities that provide the best probability for success while minimizing resource and land impact. In Divisions K and H, the firing operations along Highway 12 and behind Pine Haven have been holding well. The fire on Raspberry Mountain will continue to spread laterally and downslope, backing to the south/southeast. Winds will be unpredictable in the narrow valley bottoms along Highway 12 which may increase the potential for spotting across Highway 12 or into subdivisions. Right now, the fire remains west of Highway 12.

Division E should remain relatively quiet in the lighter fuels; interior pockets of unburned fuel may continue to burn.

Closures and Evacuations: Highway 160 remains closed from La Veta to Ft Garland. Highway 12 is closed from mm 7 to mm 22.5. Highway 69 is closed from mm 5 to mm 42 (open to local traffic only). For current evacuee information: Huerfano County: visit [www.facebook.com/HuerfanoCountyOEM](https://www.facebook.com/HuerfanoCountyOEM) or call 719-695-9604. Costilla County: visit the San Luis Valley Emergency page: [www.slvemergency.org](http://www.slvemergency.org) or call 719-480-8719. Las Animas County: <https://www.facebook.com/LAS-Animas-County-OEM-1417285551649252/> or 719-846-2993 ext. 0.

For More Information:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/5875>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SpringFire2018>

Spring Fire Statistics:

Start Date: June 27, 2018 Location: 5 miles east of Ft Garland, CO Size: 103,357

Percent Contained: 5% Resources: 1484 (939 on the south) Cause: Human caused, under Investigation

Evacuee Meeting: There is a daily 1 p.m. meeting for evacuees held at the evacuation center located at the Blanca/Ft Garland Community Center, 17591 E Hwy 160. The meetings will be live streamed on Facebook for those who cannot attend.

### **Open Shelters:**

#### **Lake Christine Fire Shelter**

Basalt High School  
600 Southside Dr  
Basalt, CO 81621

Roaring Fork High School  
2270 Highway 133  
Carbondale, CO 81623

### **Spring Fire**

Huerfano County Community Center  
928 Russell Ave  
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Blanca-Fort Garland Community Center  
17591 E. Hwy 160,  
Fort Garland, CO 81133

### **Red Cross**

American Red Cross  
Mile High Chapter  
444 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203  
(303) 722-747  
<http://www.redcross.org/local/colorado>

### **American Red Cross of Western Colorado**

506 Gunnison Ave.  
Grand Junction, CO 81501  
(970) 242-4851

Serves the western third of the state, including the following counties: Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, La Plata, Mesa, Mineral, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, San Miguel and Summit.

### **American Red Cross of Southeastern Colorado**

4104 Outlook Blvd., #135D  
Pueblo, CO 81008  
(719) 561-2614

Serves the southeast portion of Colorado including the counties of Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, El Paso, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Park, Prowers, Pueblo and Teller counties. The Pikes Peak Chapter also serves as the Service to Armed Forces station for Fort Carson, Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

### **Colorado Department of Transportation**

2829 W. Howard Pl.  
Denver, CO 80204  
Dial 511 for road conditions  
<https://www.codot.gov>  
<http://www.cotrip.org/home.htm>

US 160 is closed in both directions over La Veta Pass between Fort Garland - La Veta due to a nearby wildfire. No estimated time for reopening. Possible alternate route: US 50 west of Pueblo to US 285.

Hwy 12 is closed between the Cuchara Pass area - La Veta.

Hwy 69 is closed between Red Rock Rd (5 miles west of I-25) and the Custer County Line. Road is open to local traffic only.

US 285 is closed both directions due to wildfire from Antero Junction to Fairplay. CO 9 and US 24 being used as alternate routes.

### **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

### **Huefano and Costilla Counties**

Mile High United Way

P.O. Box 5547

Denver, CO 8021

(303) 433-8383

<http://www.unitedwaydenver.org>

### **Eagle County**

United Way of Eagle River Valley

PO Box 4153

Edwards, CO 81632

(303) 994-2622

<http://www.unitedwayeagle.org>

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES:**

Free Help Line: Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>

## **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

## **DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV**

<https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL**

National Headquarters

2025 East Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST**

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “*List Myself as Safe and Well*.” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “*Search Registrants*.”

## **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

## **THE WEATHER CHANNEL**

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

## **NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

## **SAFE TRAVEL USA**

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>