



## **403 Fire Summary**

**Pike – San Isabel National Forest & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands  
South Park Ranger District  
Park County and Teller County**

**Date: 10:00 am Saturday, 4/8/2023**

A wildfire is burning in Park County 8 miles South of Lake George, CO. on the South Park Ranger District of the Pike National Forest. The fire was reported to the Pueblo Interagency Dispatch at approximately 3/30/2023 @ 11:04 am.

**Size:** 1,518 acres

**Containment:** 65%

**Cause:** Human

**Kind of Fuels:** grass / ponderosa pine

**Jurisdiction:** USFS

**Cooperating Agencies:** Park and Teller Counties, Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) & U.S. Forest Service

### **Management Strategies:**

Today hand-crews and engines are concentrating on building depth to strengthen the containment lines. Crews will continue to improve the fire line and secure the perimeter by putting out hot spots and smoldering stump holes that were identified by the Multi-Mission Aircraft yesterday.

Fire management officials are carefully assessing the situation to develop a course of action for the fire. Factors being taken into consideration are public and firefighter safety, values at risk, potential impacts to land and communities, firefighting resource availability, fuel conditions, and possible fire duration. The safety of our firefighters is our highest priority and putting firefighters near this fire could compromise their safety.

**Resources Committed:** numerous fire engines, and several squad modules are supporting suppression efforts. Total of 80 personnel.

**Evacuation:** Pre-Evacuation status for areas of Park and Teller County remain in effect.

The Director of Emergency Management in agreement with the 403 Fire Incident Commander are keeping the "Pre-Evacuation" levels in effect for Teller County subdivisions already in "Pre-Evacuation" status.

Despite the recent snow there are pockets of heavy fuels still burning and difficult terrain where hand crews are still improving the fire line. With sunshine, winds and warmer temps forecasted conditions could deteriorate rapidly and cause a threat to nearby subdivisions.

As a precaution, please maintain preparedness in case you must leave the area over the next two weeks. While we do not anticipate the need to escalate the current status our hope is to remain vigilant and keep our residents safe.

**Remarks:** #403fire

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