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NEWS RELEASE

Perins Peak Fire Update

Durango, CO: As of Wednesday morning the Perins Peak Fire burning northwest of Durango on Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife land has burned over 100 acres.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation but is suspected to be a human-caused ignition.

The fire is burning in dense Gambel oak as well as mixed conifer in the drainage bottoms. The fire spread rapidly from the bottom of Rock Ridge Trail to the top of Perins Peak and has reached the Lightner Creek Fire scar from 2017.

Due to the safety concerns regarding rugged terrain and no road access ground resources did not engage the fire when it began Tuesday evening. Several hot shot crews and other resources will be hiking into the fire early Wednesday morning.

Pre-evacuation notices have been ordered for County Road 208 and the Dry Fork and Rock Ridge subdivisions as well as County Road 206 to Highway 160. Trail access has been closed to Overend Mountain Park, Twin Buttes, and Perins State Wildlife Area. For more information on evacuations, visit the [La Plata County Evacuations Map](#) or call the information line: 970-385-8700.

Since fire is on federal land, public information is being provided by the U.S Forest Service.

For up-to-date information on the Perins Peak Fire sign up for [La Plata County's Emergency notification system](#). To sign up for the city's news flash and alert system visit <https://www.durangogov.org/notifyme>.

A public meeting will be held tonight at 6pm at the La Plata County Administration Building Board Room, 1101 East 2nd Avenue, Durango, CO. Seating is limited, so a virtual option will be available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86550880765?pwd=T0lvaC9rK0R6eXB2QUZ2ODdUZnF1UT09>
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