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Firefighters suppressing wildfire near Rifle

Rifle, Colo. – Firefighters are working hard to suppress the 5 acre Clark Creek fire located approximately 14 miles north of Rifle, CO, off of Forest Service Road 245 in Garfield County. The 245 road, commonly referred to as the Buford New Castle Road, remains open. The fire is burning in mixed conifer and is located in remote and rugged terrain.

The Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire and Aviation Management Unit (UCR) is working to suppress the fire. Four Forest Service engines, one fire crew, one Law Enforcement officer and one helicopter are on scene. One additional helicopter is on order.

“Firefighter and public safety are our highest priority. We know this is a popular area for camping and other recreation. No roads are currently closed but we are asking recreationists to stay clear of the area so firefighters are able to do their work,” said Karen Schroyer, Agency Administrator for the fire.

Smoke may be visible to the east with smoke settling into the Colorado River Valley overnight.

For updates follow @WhiteRiverNews on Twitter, #ClarkCreekFire.

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