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Containment Expected On Santa Maria Fire

CREEDE – The 20-acre Santa Maria Fire is expected to be fully contained by early Tuesday evening. The fire appeared to have started on private land on the north end of Santa Maria Reservoir about 10 miles southwest of Creede.

The fire was reported at 3 p.m. on Monday and burned through dry grass, aspen and mixed conifers. An estimated 10 acres of private land and 10 acres of national forest burned.

Fifteen Forest Service and Park Service firefighters continued to work on the fire Tuesday extinguishing hotspots and building fire line around the perimeter. Firefighters will monitor the fire after containment to ensure that it doesn't start up again.

SLV residents and visitors are advised to be careful with fire when outdoors, especially below 10,000 feet.

"The warm temperatures and windy days have really dried things out," said Jim Jaminet, the fire management officer for the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center. "The Santa Maria Fire is an indication of the current potential for wildfire."

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