

# San Luis Valley Public Lands Center



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## NEWS RELEASE

### --FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-- LIGHTNING STORM CAUSES FIRE

(Monte Vista, CO) - The Tellurium Fire was discovered at approximately 6:30 p.m., on Sunday, June 27, 2004, after a lightning storm in the area of the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness. The fire, located roughly one mile inside the Wilderness Area, is approximately one and one-half mile south of the Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve and is one-tenth to one-quarter acre in size.

The fire, at an elevation of approximately 10,585 feet, is in steep, rugged terrain. Access to the fire is very poor. As the fire is currently located within the wilderness area and is not threatening any communities or structures, the Forest is managing the fire as a Wildland Fire Use fire, with no resources on the ground. The Rio Grande National Forest staff will continue to monitor the fire. The public can access the most up-to-date information on this fire and local fire restrictions by calling the Public Lands Hotline at (719) 852-6283.

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