



## **Fire Related Closures & Conditions on The Colorado Trail**

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**FIRE & CLOSURES UPDATE JULY 12 on The Colorado Trail.**

**SUMMARY** – Fire bans affect the entire CT. Cottonwood Pass Road remains closed.

**OPEN NOW, CT SEGS 25-28, MOLAS TO DURANGO** –While these four segments were closed due to wildfires, heroic effort by firefighters and rains have prompted Forest Service authorities to reopen them as of July 12<sup>th</sup>. At this time, the entire Colorado Trail is open.

**SMOKY AIR** – Smoke from 3 wildfires has affected the CT. But smoke has been diminishing with progress by firefighters and recent rain. Unless new wildfires begin, we think the air along the CT will be relatively smoke free.

**FIRE BANS** – The entire Colorado Trail is subject to fire bans. Campfires are prohibited. Smoking is prohibited. Almost all types of backpacker stoves are prohibited, including alcohol, esbit, white gas and all liquid fuel stoves. Still allowed are pressurized isobutane/propane canister stoves.

**COTTONWOOD PASS ROAD CLOSED** – Cottonwood Pass Road is closed to vehicle, bicycle, and foot traffic (all of 2018) for paving operations. The closure is from immediately west of Avalanche Trailhead, where the CT Collegiate East crosses, up and over Cottonwood Pass, where the CT Collegiate West crosses, to Taylor Park Trading Post. Collegiate West travelers can stay on the trail and cross the closed road but cannot diverge from the trail onto the road. Collegiate East travelers will be unaffected.

**STAY TUNED** – Additional wildfires could break out at any time as well as new closures and smoke, so please stay up to date with conditions. Be safe out there and enjoy The Colorado Trail.

