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Dale Bosworth
Chief
United States Forest Service

Kathleen Clarke
Director
Bureau of Land Management

Dear Chief Bosworth & Director Clarke:

As you know, the Mato Vega fire in my native San Luis Valley of Colorado has burned more than 9,000 acres since lightening started it on Sunday, June 18.

More than 300 firefighters are on scene working hard to contain this fire, which threatens hundreds of home and cabins. I thank them for their hard work, bravery and commitment.

As these teams work to contain this blaze over the next several days, and prevent it from spreading and destroying homes and other structures, I urge you to swiftly approve any and all requests from the teams on the ground for additional equipment and other resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator