

Beaver Creek Fire

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Evening Release

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Hours 8am-8pm



Protecting Structures is a Top Priority on the Beaver Creek Fire

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 28, 2016 – Today the fire moved to the south and west at a slower pace than observed yesterday. Fire weather pushed the Beaver Creek Fire around the western edge of Big Creek Lake almost to its southern edge. The fire is backing downslope toward Forest Road 600.

Crews worked along Forest Road 600 to defend buildings. Firefighters are burning between structures to improve their ability to defend them. Additionally, crews removed grass and other flammable materials from around buildings and utilized sprinklers.

Tomorrow a second structure protection group will continue work in Parsons Draw, on the east side of Independence Mountain. While the fire is over three miles away, firefighters will once again perform structure protection duties. This work will greatly enhance firefighter abilities to defend these values in the event that the fire reaches this area.

The weather tomorrow will be similar to that observed today with a slight increase in humidity. This is likely to result in fire behavior similar to today.

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 9,114

Firefighters Assigned: 499

Percent Containment: 5%

Located 15 miles northwest of Walden, CO

Evacuation Orders remain in place.

Information regarding structure damage or loss call Jackson County Sheriff's Office 970-723-4242

Cause under investigation: information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Closures orders for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Information posting: Twitter at: @FS_MBRTB, hashtag #BeaverCreekFire. Facebook: Beaver Creek Fire.

Official information on the fire is being disseminated via Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>.

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