

Beaver Creek Fire

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Evening Release

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Afternoon Smoke Visible on the Beaver Creek Fire

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 25, 2016 – Late afternoon fire activity, wind and burn out operations increased smoke visible to the surrounding communities of the Beaver Creek Fire. Burn out operations were used to enforce contingency lines and secure structures on the southern portion of the fire. Fire activity continues in areas of unburned fuels. Creeping and smoldering fire activity was noted in portions of the understory while some timber stands in the fire experienced short duration crown runs, which means that fire advanced from tree top to tree top. Firefighters continue to prepare and defend structures and build firelines.

Tonight's temperatures will range between 38-43F with light northwest winds 5-10 mph gusting to 15 mph. Skies are expected to remain clear and an inversion may develop trapping smoke in valleys and low lying areas.

The fire did not grow in size today and total acres consumed remains 5482. There are currently 472 firefighters assigned to the fire. Helicopters, airplanes, dozers, and engines are all actively engaged in defending the values at risk and protecting the lives of firefighters.

This fire continues to be heavily influenced by weather and beetle killed trees. Fire location is approximately 15 miles northwest of Walden, Colorado and two miles south of the Colorado/Wyoming state line.

Forty residences or cabins remain at risk. Concerned cabin owners or local residents should contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Department at (970) 723-4242. Structure damage/loss information will be provided by the Sheriff.

Closures remain in place and specific information can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>.

The cause of the Beaver Creek Fire remains under investigation, and anyone with information on suspicious activity this past weekend in the Twisty Park area should contact U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau, 307-343-2335. The initial vehicle sought in the investigation has been cleared of suspicion.

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

Information will also be posted on Twitter at: @FS_MBRTB, hashtag #BeaverCreekFire. Facebook: Beaver Creek Fire

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