

## **Beaver Creek Fire**

**June 27, 2016**

### **Evening Release**

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### **Active Fire Today Pushes the Beaver Creek Fire South**

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 27, 2016 – Fire intensity on the Beaver Creek Fire increased in the afternoon due to low humidity and shifting winds. Recent weather trends have decrease fuel moisture making them burn easier when exposed to burning embers. This resulted in a very large plume of smoke visible above the fire.

Most of the spotting occurred on the northwest, west and southern edges of the fire. Overall, the fire advanced south following the north winds burning standing dead timber.

Today, firefighters focused on structural defense and building contingency lines. Efforts included clearing flammable debris from around structures, installing sprinkler systems and preparing hand lines.

Tonight the incident meteorologist anticipates a strong inversion will form over the fire area holding smoke in the valleys and low lying areas. This inversion should begin to break-up by mid-morning tomorrow and skies will clear. Firefighters will actively scout and assess additional burned acres on the fire overnight and begin mopping up where safe.

Fire location is approximately 15 miles northwest of Walden, Colorado and two miles south of the Colorado/Wyoming state line.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office announced that two confirmed outbuildings have been lost in the fire. All residential structures within and near the fire perimeter have been saved to date.

For information on the condition of a residence within the evacuation area, please contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at (970) 723-4242. Structure damage/loss information will be provided by the Sheriff. Cabin and residence owners may contact the Sheriff to request a photo of their structure.

Existing evacuation orders remain in place due to the hazardous conditions near the fire perimeter. Sixty residences or cabins remain at risk. Structure damage/loss information will continue to 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. Anyone with information on suspicious activity should contact U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau, 307-343-2335.

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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