

Beaver Creek Fire

June 29, 2016

Morning Release

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Hours 8am-8pm



Aerial Ignitions take place on the Beaver Creek Fire

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 29, 2016 – Firefighters continue to defend structures along the 600 Road by burning out receptive fuels in front of the advancing fire front. Aerial and hand ignition tactics were used to place a pattern of fire above the structures and slowly advance the fire into management lines. This maintained a low intensity burn and mitigated many pockets of unburned fuels near buildings.

In the Parsons Draw area, structure protection firefighters began work to defend homes in the event that the fire should move into this area. Currently the fire is about two miles west of this area. Tactics used to defend these structures include brush and debris clearing, installing sprinkler systems and wrapping some structures with a material designed to reflect radiant heat from an advancing fire. Crews will continue to monitor and add additional protection tomorrow.

This evening the fire received wide spread precipitation. While the rain may reduce fire intensity in the short term the sun will dry out vegetation and the fire intensity may again increase.

Weather: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 40 % chance of storms before midnight then a 20 % chance of showers until 6:00 a.m. Temperatures in the fire area: minimum 45 degrees, maximum 50 degrees. Humidity will be 60 to 70%. Winds will be from the southwest at 3-5 mph until midnight then becoming light and variable.

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 11,776

Firefighters Assigned: 504

Percent Completion: 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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