

Beaver Creek Fire

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Evening Release

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Beaver Creek Fire, 5% Containment

(WALDEN, Colo.) June 30, 2016 – Cooler temperatures and cloudy skies kept fire activity minimal today providing a welcome reprieve for firefighters. The Beaver Creek Fire did not receive rain during afternoon thunderstorms and did not grow in size. Fire activity is predicted to remain low until grasses have the opportunity to dry out in the sun. In many areas, the heavy dead timber is still smoldering. As conditions dry, the smoldering timber can ignite the grass, increasing fire activity.

Firefighters continue to monitor the fire for hot spots, prepare structures and build contingency lines to prepare for increased fire activity. The Beaver Creek Fire remains at 5% containment.

Containment on a wildfire is typically defined as a fire line or physical break of some sort (hand line, mechanical line, roads, wet areas, rocky areas, previously burned areas) which surrounds the fire and is expected to hold the fire within. Containment figures are then calculated once the line successfully holds the fire.

Such traditional calculations may not accurately reflect progress made by fire personnel toward the eventual full suppression of the Beaver Creek Fire. Due to the indirect approach that is being utilized by Beaver Creek Fire management, we expect that some containment will be from natural and human-made physical breaks, instead of constructed fire line, and/or the fire will never reach containment lines of various definitions.

A combination of typical fire line containment and suppression will be utilized, as well as the natural means by which a fire can be extinguished, such as running out of fuels, weather events with moisture, or the fire burning back on itself. On some parts of the Beaver Creek Fire perimeter, it is anticipated that the fire will be completely extinguished by natural means and may never reach the established fire line.

This indirect approach is necessary on some portions of the Beaver Creek Fire due to the fuel type, which contains a combination of dead and down trees, falling snags and inaccessible terrain, ultimately posing a hazard to firefighters.

Personnel on the Beaver Creek Fire have utilized a direct approach toward fire suppression specifically regarding structure and private land zone protection.

This will be the last evening release from the Beaver Creek Fire. Morning releases will continue through the fire's Gmail account, BeaverCreekInfo2016@gmail.com instead of atvoos@fs.fed.us.

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 13,275

Firefighters Assigned: 496

Percent Completion: 5%

Located 15 miles northwest of Walden, CO

Evacuation Orders remain in place.

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

Cause is under investigation: information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer 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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