

Beaver Creek Fire

July 4, 2016

Morning Release

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Beaver Creek Fire Rehabilitation and Regeneration

(WALDEN, Colo.) July 4, 2016 – As dry weather moved over the Beaver Creek Fire, crews continued to patrol and mop up hot spots around structures. Firefighters also focused on rehabilitation of existing fire lines to prevent soil erosion on steep slopes, next to roads and near streams, taking advantage of the cool moist weather. Crews returned from the line reporting wildlife moving back into natural habitats and the regrowth of grasses in the burn area.

Firefighters are working both with heavy equipment and hand tools to build water bars on existing fire line. Additional structure defense preparations are being finalized today as the dry southwest winds are expected to increase fire activity. Crews are preparing for predicted single and group tree torching as fire behavior increases with the change in weather.

Temperatures between 70-75F and humidity from 28-32% will influence fire behavior by drying out fuels. Afternoon thunderstorms and southwest winds gusting to 20 mph will make fuels more receptive to fire. No precipitation is predicted over the fire.

Incident Commander Jay Esperance thanked veterans for their service to our country and their hard work on the Beaver Creek Fire. While Americans take the opportunity on the 4th of July to celebrate independence, he also asked firefighters to “thank the community for their support of incident personnel and firefighter safety.”

A community meeting will be held Tuesday July 5th at the Wattenburg Center, 686 County Rd 42 in Walden, Colorado from 6-7pm.

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 13,275

Firefighters Assigned: 310 * This number may rapidly change as resources are being demobilized due to current strategy

Percent Contained: 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 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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