

## **Beaver Creek Fire**

**July 6, 2016**

### **Daily Release**

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### **Beaver Creek Fire: Near Critical Fire Weather Predicted**

(WALDEN, Colo.) July 6, 2016 – Southwest winds and warmer temperatures dried fuels on the Beaver Creek Fire increasing fire activity in the afternoon yesterday. Overnight the fire area did receive some rain providing temporary relief to hot spots. Firefighters focused on rehabilitation objectives for dozer lines and water barring near structures to prevent soil erosion. Last night a community meeting was well attended.

The West Slope Type 3 Team B will shadow current incident staff in preparation for tomorrow's transition. Today firefighters will continue to look for hot spots around structures as the sun dries grasses and brush and heats smoldering stumps and timber, increasing fire activity. Crews continue to rehabilitate dozer lines.

Temperatures will climb to the low 70's and humidity is expected to decrease to 15-20%. Southwest winds 15-20 mph may gust to 40 mph in the warm afternoon sun. Heavy timber moisture levels, often referred to as thousand hour fuels, remain low for early July compared to normal patterns. The low humidity, warm temperatures and decreased fuel moisture levels are near critical fire weather thresholds. Firefighters are prepared for increased fire activity.

#### Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 13,275

Firefighters Assigned: 273

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.

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