



Beaver Creek Fire

July 10, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Evacuation orders remain in place

Fire Size Today:

15,290 acres

Containment:

5%

149 Firefighters:

2 crews, 11 engines, 1 dozer and 3 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Routt National Forest, BLM Kremmling Field Office and State of Colorado lands

Started:

6/19/16 Cause is being actively investigated:

Information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Management: Western Colorado Interagency—
Team B Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

A red flag warning has been issued today for the fire area. A red flag warning is a forecast issued by the National Weather Service to inform area firefighting and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion, and rapid spread. When humidity is very low, and especially when there are high or erratic winds, the Red Flag Warning becomes a critical statement for firefighting agencies. Combined with this warning is the 80%-90% probability of ignition of any ember from the fire, hitting the ground. Humidity today will drop to 15% or lower with sustained winds of 15-20 mph and gusts to 40 mph.

This fire has historically been spread by embers lifted into the air and transported by the wind ahead of the main body of fire. The fuel ahead of the fire is very receptive to these embers and when this fuel is ignited and grows, it then contributes to the amount of embers in the air. Firefighters experienced this yesterday when the fire sent embers across the 35 Rd. and established itself on the east side of the road. The same thing happened in the northeast area of the fire contributing to the 1,000 acre growth of the fire in the last 24 hours.

Because of anticipated further growth of the fire, additional resources have been ordered and will be arriving today and tomorrow. These resources will be utilized to provide preparation and protection to structures and improvements in the path of the fire.

Overall it will be a busy day on the fire with lots of moving parts and close coordination of personnel and resources.

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