



Beaver Creek Fire

July 14, 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:

20,981 acres

Containment:

5%

286 Firefighters:

5 crews, 25 engines, 1 dozer and 3 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

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:

Yesterday the weather moderated with reduced wind gust speeds and lower temperatures. However, the humidity remained low in the vicinity of 15%. This allowed the fire to grow slightly by 874 acres. Most of this growth took place along the eastern edge of the fire where it moved onto the property of the Trophy Mountain Ranch. The fence around the ranch remains secure and the elk on the ranch have been seen moving out of the fire area.

Firefighters are working in cooperation with the owners of the ranch and neighboring properties, to construct fire line on these properties and continue to conduct strategic burning operations along this fireline to contain the spread of the fire.

Additional engines and resources have arrived and have been assigned to areas where they can continue structure protection, support any burning operations and look for opportunities to engage the fire where we will have a high probability of success.

Incident Commander Trainee Brandon Bonenberger said in briefing this morning, "Patience is the word for this fire. We continue to keep our firefighters safe by being patient and engaging this fire on our terms where we will have the best success."

Strategy and tactics for this fire continues to be full suppression using indirect tactics and point protection around structures. This involves being prepared to engage the fire when it moves out of the heavy timber into aspen stands, sagebrush, and grass. As the sage brush continues to dry, it is becoming available to burn. The fire is consuming dead and down beetle killed timber and working to renew the forest.

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