



Beaver Creek Fire

July 15, 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:

21,878 acres

Containment:

5%

318 Firefighters:

5 crews, 27 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:

The weather observed yesterday was the warmest and the driest that the fire has had in the last week. High winds continued, but not to the extent we have seen recently. The wind direction however was from a slightly different direction, from the northwest. These winds were not in alignment with any particular terrain feature on the fire, but it did accelerate fire activity. No major spread occurred, but interior islands of unburned fuel and all edges were active. This allowed the fire to grow slightly by 897 acres.

Firefighters are patiently waiting for the fire to present itself in areas that provide them with the highest opportunity for containment success. An example of this is the east side of the 35 Rd. down to the Trophy Mountain Ranch. The fire is slowly working its way down this slope. In a few areas it has entered the ranch and firefighters engaged it by using strategic firing operations along a previously constructed fireline. The fencing on the Trophy Mountain Ranch continues to be secure.

Strategy and tactics for the fire continues to be full suppression using indirect tactics and point protection around values at risk. This involves being prepared to engage the fire when it moves out of the heavy timber into aspen stands, sagebrush, and grass. Our firefighters remain patient and this patience is needed in order to keep them safe. As Operations Chief Jim Genung stated at this morning's briefing, "The stand-off continues."

As the sage brush and grasses continue 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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