



Beaver Creek Fire

July 16, 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:

22,294 acres

Containment:

5%

314 Firefighters:

4 crews, 25 engines, 1 dozer and 2 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 fire was active in all areas but with very limited perimeter spread. The fire grew by a little over 400 acres and interior burning was the biggest contributor to the smoke seen.

Firefighters used strategic firing operations on the Trophy Mountain Ranch yesterday where they were able to implement the plans that they had developed previously. Firefighters will be waiting patiently for the fire to move to them so that they can implement their plans for action.

On the southern end of the fire, firefighters will be implementing a structure protection plan in order to protect a structure which could be impacted by the fire. This involves things such as clearing around the structure, setting up portable tanks, pumps to supply sprinklers which can be turned on when needed and possibly some burning operations around the structure in order to eliminate fuel in advance of the fire.

A red flag warning is in effect for today beginning at noon. This is for low humidity and gusty winds up to 30 mph. A real danger for firefighters are outflow winds from thunder heads which can send strong wind gusts in unpredictable directions creating the potential for the spread of embers. These winds are predicted to be as high as 35 mph. Today's overcast skies will moderate fire activity, preventing the sun from warming the fuels on the ground.

In spite of the smoke from the Beaver Creek Fire in the area, Jackson County and the town of Walden welcome you. There are many opportunities in the area which are open for recreation. Main roads remain open however, you may encounter some smoke along the way.

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