



Beaver Creek Fire

July 17, 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:

22,885 acres

Containment:

5%

290 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:

Activity on the fire was slow early yesterday due to overcast skies which prevented the sun from heating up the fuels. Later in the day, winds gusted to 35 mph, clearing the overcast skies and allowing solar heating which allowed the fire to move. The fire gained 591 acres yesterday.

The most active fire activity took place along the southern edge where it was in alignment with the strong winds. The fire traveled into the area of the Republic River where the Hill Ranch has a structure. Firefighters have done preparatory work anticipating that the fire may reach this building. Water supply, pumps and sprinklers are in place. If necessary they will conduct a strategic firing operation today in order to enhance these preparations.

Yesterday, the fire backed downhill on the east side of 35 Road toward the Trophy Mountain Ranch. Firefighters remain ready to aggressively engage the fire as they have effective opportunities in this area. Fencing around the ranch remains secure and the elk have moved away from the fire activity.

There is less cloud cover over the fire today, so the fire is anticipated to be active earlier in the day with moderate fire behavior. Although scattered heat remains throughout the fire perimeter, the highest opportunity for fire growth remains on the southern and eastern flanks of the fire. Winds are anticipated to be lower today, with gusts to 22 mph.

“We continue to look for opportunities to engage the fire in a strategic and safe manner,” said Incident Commander Chuck Russell. “It is our goal to be able to provide safely protect the structures in the area, while keeping the safety of our firefighters safe is our number one priority.”

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