



Beaver Creek Fire

July 27, 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:

inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson Co. Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

26,067

Containment:

12%

264 Firefighters:

5 crews, 26 engines, 2 dozers, 4 helicopters and 1 air attack plane

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; The cause of the fire is actively being investigated by U.S. Forest Service law.

Management: Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

A ridge of high pressure to the west will continue to push warm dry air across the Beaver Creek Fire, extending the drying trend into its 5th day. Temperatures today will reach the low 80s and relative humidity will be 12 to 15%. The warming trend is drying sage and grasses and they are now beginning to carry fire. Shifting and swirling air masses will produce gusts with the potential for ¼ to ½ mile spotting. Thunderstorms are expected this afternoon, with a low probability of lightning.

An IR (infrared or thermographic imaging) flight was conducted over the fire last night. The flight data will be analyzed today and incorporated into mapping and acreage figures tomorrow. The bulk of fire personnel are assigned to the southeast portion of the fire, utilizing mechanical equipment to build and improve fire and contingency fire lines. Due to increased fire activity, three shifts are now being utilized to provide 24-hour staffing of the fire.

Air resources include 2-Type 3 and 1-Type 1 helicopter. These aircraft are providing support for ground crews by performing water drops on hot spots. An Air Attack plane is flying above the fire to act as air traffic control for the rotorcraft operating at lower altitudes.

Falling trees are an ongoing issue in the fire area. Some of these have fallen across fire lines, thereby compromising the line by providing a path for fire to cross into unburned areas. Likewise, falling trees have blocked roads, limiting access. Crews are working to remove these trees.

There was an injury alert yesterday when a branch thrown by a masticator struck a crewmember. The crewmember was unhurt, but the Incident Commander used the occasion to remind the firefighters to maintain their situational awareness and keep safety in the forefront of their minds. To date, there have been no firefighter injuries on the Beaver Creek Fire.

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