



Beaver Creek Fire

July 28, 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:

27,892 acres (Current as of 6:00 am)

Containment:

12%

295 Firefighters:

5 crews, 28 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:

Warm, dry air blanketed the fire area yesterday, raising temperatures and lowering humidity. An unstable air mass created strong, gusty winds. Today's weather outlook is much the same. Temperatures are expected to reach the 80s, and humidity will be between 11 and 13%. Winds over the fire area will flow from the west/northwest at sustained speeds from 9 to 13 miles per hour, with gusts 23 to 26 miles per hour.

High temperatures, low humidity, and strong winds will contribute to increased fire activity. Spotting up to ¼ to ½ mile is possible as burning embers are carried by the wind.

Yesterday, active fire behavior was seen in multiple locations across the fire area. The fire advanced on the southwestern section, near Big Creek Lakes, as well as in the northeast zone near Wills Reservoir. However, the most significant growth occurred in the southeastern section, where the fire breached containment lines and burned into Parson's Draw - South. Wind driven flames forced many firefighters to disengage and fall back to safety zones. All firefighters were accounted for and no injuries were reported. Local law enforcement will go into the area today to access any damage to structures.

Additional aircraft were ordered to help suppress the fire. Two Type 3 and two Type I heavy helicopters dropped water on hot spots while two heavy fixed wing tankers dropped lines of fire retardant to protect structures.

Additional firefighters and equipment have been deployed to aid in the suppression effort at the Beaver Creek Fire. The Incident Commander stated, "As the complexity of operation ramps up, my highest priority continues to be firefighter and public safety."

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