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Walden, Colo. - Jackson County Sheriff's Office announced today that one cabin and eight outbuildings in the Parson's Draw development were burned on Wednesday, July 27 in the Beaver Creek Fire.

On the afternoon of July 27, high temperatures, low humidity, and gusty winds pushed the fire towards Parson's Draw. Wind-driven flames and erratic fire behavior forced many firefighters to disengage from full suppression actions and fall back to safety zones. All firefighters were quickly accounted for, and no injuries were reported.

Structure protection, including pumps, hoses, sprinklers, and structure wrap, had been placed in the area in anticipation of the fire's movement. A total of 25 cabins, 4 residences, and numerous outbuildings were threatened. Due to the intensity of the fire and the accompanying ember wash, nine of the structures were overcome by the fire front.

Additionally, three historic outbuildings were destroyed at the Mitchell Placer Mine site south of Parson's Draw.

For information on the condition of a residence within the evacuation area, please contact the Jackson County Sheriff, Gary Cure at (970) 723-4242. Cabin and residence owners may contact Sheriff's Office to request a photo of their structure.

Existing evacuation orders remain in place due to the hazardous conditions near the fire perimeter.

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