



Beaver Creek Fire

July 29, 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:

30,137 acres (Current as of 6:00 am)

Containment:

12%

278 Firefighters:

5 crews, 24 engines, 2 dozers, 4 helicopters, 2 fixed air tankers 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 persistent high-pressure ridge remains in place over the Great Basin and continues to push warm, dry air across the fire area and extend the weeklong drying trend.

Temperatures ranged from 70° to 79° yesterday, while relative humidity dropped into the low teens. Consistent wind speeds of 20 to 22 miles per hour, with gusts up to 50 miles per hour recorded.

Today's weather will be much the same as yesterday but with slightly lower wind speeds. There is still the potential for active fire behavior.

The fire continues to burn actively through the night, with up to ½ mile spotting. Additional work shifts have been added to provide 24-hour staffing.

Whereas morning sun usually warms south facing slopes and increases fire activity, thick lingering smoke from overnight burning shaded the fire area yesterday and inhibited fire growth. An infrared flight last night aided in adjusting the number of acres burned and detecting areas holding the most heat.

Fire crews continue to work towards full suppression of the fire. Safety concerns prevent direct attack in many areas, but crews are positioning themselves in locations where they are able to safely engage the fire and have a high probability of success.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office issued a statement detailing findings of the Sheriff's survey of the Parsons Draw - South area following Wednesday's fire growth. The statement is available at <http://bit.ly/2arVuYK>

The Incident Commander's intent continues to be full suppression of the Beaver Creek Fire. A variety of ground and air resources are being used to achieve the objectives. The Incident Management Team thanks the community for their continued support of this complex fire.

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