



Beaver Creek Fire

August 1, 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:

33,193 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

12%

262 Firefighters:

4 crews, 25 engines, 2 dozers and 4 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; The cause of the fire is actively being investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

Firefighters began the day yesterday working to contain and suppress the Beaver Creek Fire. Steady winds from the west made the fire's movement predictable and firefighters positioned themselves to safely engage it.

In the early afternoon, thunderstorms approached Walden. As they neared the fire, the system collapsed sending out massive outflow winds. Wind gusts pushed the fire in all directions, and firefighters faced extreme fire behavior on multiple fronts.

In the northeast section the fire pushed near the Wyoming border toward the Holroyd Park area. In the southeast section long range spotting spread the fire eastward below Parsons Draw and the Trophy Mountain Ranch towards the Platte River.

Today firefighters will resume suppression activities, with crews conducting burn outs and working to ensure that the fire does not move toward the Parsons Draw area or cross the river. The Trophy Mountain Ranch was not affected by yesterday's fire growth and the fence remains secure.

Members of Warder's Type III Incident Management Team will provide in-briefings to their counterparts from the incoming National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Team. The NIMO Team will shadow Warder's team today and assume command of the fire on Tuesday morning at 6:00 am.

A firefighter on the Tokawanna Fire near Mountain View, Wyoming was seriously injured yesterday. The command staff announced this to the firefighters at morning briefing and advised that, "As badly as we all want to contain and suppress this fire, it is not worth anyone getting hurt." Crews were told to, "Stay the course, but fight smart and be safe."

Incident Commander Jon Warder stated, "Warder's team has appreciated the community support and is grateful."

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