



Beaver Creek Fire

August 2, 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:

34,020 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

12%

262 Firefighters:

4 crews, 24 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: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary:

After a relatively quiet overnight the fire was fairly active again today. Fire in the northeast section continued its slow push towards the Wyoming border, and last night's infrared flight revealed one 10-acre spot fire in the Holroyd Park, Wyoming area. The fire made the greatest advance in the west and northwest portions of the fire with relative humidity dipping into the mid-teens and an abundance of dry and dead beetle-killed vegetation making for good burning conditions there.

Some firefighters continued structure protection in the Parsons Draw area on the east side of the fire by patrolling and mopping up near containment lines while others, utilizing heavy equipment worked to construct fireline south of Parsons Draw to prevent the fire from swinging back to the north. Firefighters conducted burnout operations today in the southeast portion to remove fuel in advance of the fire and slow the spread to the south and east towards the Platte River. Structure protection measures were also put in place on structures identified in this area.

At 6:00 am this morning the NIMO (National Incident Management Organization) Team under the leadership of Incident Commander Mike Quesinberry assumed command of the fire. The NIMO Team is looking forward to receiving the same cooperation and support from the local community that John Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team has received.

Crews will continue to construct and fortify containment lines south of Parsons Draw and along the edge where the forest meets the sagebrush fields in the southeast area of the fire to keep the fire west of the Platte River. With firefighter and public safety being the number one objective, Incident Safety Specialist Chris Church has cautioned firefighters to remain patient and "stay out of the trees" and fight the fire safely as it comes to them.

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