



Beaver Creek Fire

August 5, 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 County Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

34,756 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

18%

300 Firefighters:

6 crews, 27 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 2 feller bunchers, and 5 helicopters, 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 Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary:

Bands of cooler air moved across the southern portion of the fire yesterday, helping to dampen fire behavior. This gave firefighters an opportunity to focus on preparing structures that might be threatened in the future, and to survey far ahead to ensure they have accurate information for all buildings that may be affected.

The northern portion of the fire experienced dryer conditions, and fire behavior was more active. The fire continued to burn in the standing beetle kill and dead and down heavy timber in the Holroyd Park area. Crews extended burning operations along a masticator line running parallel to the eastern Medicine Bow Forest boundary in an effort to contain and suppress the fire. Once completed this defensive line will extend from County Road 2 in Colorado to Big Creek in Wyoming.

Today crews will continue with structure protection far ahead of the fire. Particular attention will be paid to structures in Jerry Park, Wyoming and at Shaffer's Ranch in Colorado.

Since the beginning of the fire, winds have had a westerly component. The result can be seen in the fire's progression. Having started at a point somewhere near the Beaver Creek Campground, the fire has steadily moved to the east. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined and is still under active investigation.

Safety Officer Gene Madden congratulated firefighters on their outstanding safety record, "Considering the many thousands of hours recorded fighting this fire since it began, doing so without a single major injury is quite a feat. I get the privilege of being listed on the Incident Action Plan as the Safety Officer, but in truth, we are all Safety Officers. If you see someone working in an unsafe manner, or nearing a hazard they may not be aware of, it is your duty to bring it to their attention. Help your brothers and sisters on this fire to stay safe and make it home to their friends and families."

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