



Beaver Creek Fire

August 6, 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%

282 Firefighters:

4 crews, 28 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 2 feller bunchers and 5 helicopters, 1 air attack aircraft

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 being actively investigated by U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.

Management: Atlanta National Incident Management Organization (NIMO)

Summary:

Although there was no appreciable rain on the fire itself yesterday, there was substantial rain south of the fire. Yesterday's higher humidity levels and the lack of gusty erratic winds that were experienced over the past few days aided in moderating fire behavior.

This lull in fire activity allowed firefighters to make progress building line with a masticator, a piece of mobile equipment that shreds vegetation in order to reduce it to chips (see our Facebook post for the word of the day), ahead of the potential spread of the fire along the eastern side in Wyoming. This line, when completed, will extend from the state line north to Henry Creek in Wyoming. This will serve as a future containment line along the transition where the timber converts to sage and grass, typically an area where firefighters can engage the fire and have a high probability of success for containment. Some of this line has already been widened by burning denying fuel to the fire should it reach this area.

In the Holroyd Park area, the fire continues to remain active and is consuming the heavy dead and down fuels. Scouting is taking place in areas to the north to identify any structures or other improvements which will need preparation should the fire move that direction. This scouting will identify possible terrain and fuel changes which may allow firefighters to contain the northward progression of the fire. Resources are being moved into this area from other areas of the fire where containment has been achieved.

Structure protection work will continue in Jerry Park, Wyoming and at the Schafer Ranch at the south end of the fire. In addition, the water pumps, hose and sprinkler systems set up at the Helena Trail Bridge are being monitored so that firefighters will be able to initiate these protective measures should the fire reach the bridge.

The strategy for this fire continues to be full suppression with actions targeted at areas where the probability of success is higher without high risk to firefighters. Control tactics are directed at areas of lighter fuels and where natural fuel breaks and roads can be utilized to an advantage. No direct action will be taken in areas of standing dead trees as these are a very high risk for firefighters.

Feller bunchers are being utilized to remove hazard trees along roadways in the interior of the fire in order to secure safe travel paths for firefighters into and exiting from the fire.

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