



# Beaver Creek Fire

August 9, 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](http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797)

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office

## Fire Size Today:

35,395 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

## Containment:

28%

## 282 Firefighters:

3 crews, 30 engines, 3 dozers, 1 masticator, 2 feller bunchers and 4 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:** Fire activity picked up sporadically yesterday across some areas of the Beaver Creek Fire, and that trend is expected to continue today. Most of the activity was located within the interior of the fire. Firefighters continue to patrol and monitor all areas, as well as prepare in areas where the fire has the greatest potential to escape containment lines.

**Weather:** Hotter and drier temperatures will prevail across the area further increasing fire activity in the dead and down, and bug killed timber. Winds should be out of the west and southwest. These conditions are forecasted to remain until a cold front moves into the area on Thursday.

**Structure Protection:** The new structure group continues their assessments of potential structure protection needs and identifying evacuation plans for the area northeast of the fire. In some areas, equipment such as hose and sprinklers are being moved to areas where the need may be more critical or is being removed in the event it is needed elsewhere. Maintenance of this type of equipment is occurring where the fire has potential to test firelines.

**Today:** Firefighters were warned by the incident meteorologist that fire activity will increase today. The fire has the potential to produce single tree torching, crowning in the tops of groups of trees, and spot fires. Firefighters will use aerial resources more today than they have been able to over the past few days.

All areas of the fire are being patrolled and monitored to ensure current containment lines hold, and that resources are available when the fire moves out of dead and downed timber into vegetation that provides a safe and effective opportunity to engage.

In the area closest to Forest Road 498, a masticator will be utilized to strengthen a dozer line just north of the road. If proper winds are received, firefighters will use fire in the next few days to remove vegetation on approximately 30 acres between this dozer line and FS Road 498.

Repair of suppression impacts such as maintaining roads, reseeding safety zones, and removing snags from along roadways will be occurring in many areas of the fire.

**NOTE:** A community meeting will be held in Walden on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Jerelin Wattenberg Event Center, Jackson County Fairgrounds from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

**Incident Information:** <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

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