



Beaver Creek Fire

August 10, 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:

35,429 acres (Current as of 8:00 am)

Containment:

28%

232 Firefighters:

2 crews, 29 engines, 3 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller bunchers and 4 helicopters, 4 water tenders

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: Yesterday a strong weather disturbance moved across the fire area with lightning and strong winds in the late afternoon. Very little rain was measured across the fire. Hotter and drier temperatures will prevail across the area further increasing fire activity in the western and northern portions of the fire. Winds should be out of the west and southwest.

Structure Protection: The new structure group continues their assessments of potential for structure protection needs and identifying an evacuation plan 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. Maintenance of this type of equipment is occurring where the fire has potential to test firelines.

Today: Firefighters were again warned by the incident meteorologist and fire behavior analyst that fire activity will continue to today. The fire has the potential to produce single tree torching, crowning in the tops of groups of trees, and spot fires. Firefighters will increase the use of aerial resources due to the increased chance of erratic winds, fire behavior and falling trees.

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.

The masticator was utilized to strengthen a dozer line just north of Forest Road 498. Firefighters will continue to patrol for spot fires and back haul fire equipment needed on other areas of the fire.

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 10th at the Jerelin Wattenberg Event Center, Jackson County Fairgrounds from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

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