



Beaver Creek Fire

August 17, 2016, 9:00 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:

36,724 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

44%

207 Firefighters 2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher and 4 helicopters, 2 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: Yesterday, weather helped fire crews working to hold firelines around the Big Creek Road, (Forest Service Road 498). The fire remains south of the road, and firefighters continued to strengthen that line and used helicopter to slow its spread. Eastern and southern areas of the fire saw minimum to moderate fire activity and work there is focused on mopping up hot spots, patrolling and rehabilitating impacts from fire suppression activities. Almost all of the structure protection equipment has been removed from cabins in that area. The northwest corner of the fire continues to grow slowly, but is generally hampered by steep, rocky uphill terrain.

Weather: A thunderstorm crossed the fire yesterday and brought a short period of gusty and erratic winds with light rains to the area. Today, temperatures should be in the lower 70s with increased cloud cover and 30% chance of thunderstorms. Winds are expected to be out of the southeast at 6-10 mph with gusts to 18 mph and more erratic during thunderstorms.

Today: Today's activities will closely mirror yesterday. Moderate fire behavior is expected today with most activity in sun-heated dead and down beetle killed timber in the interior of the fire. Smoke will likely be visible across the area.

Firefighters continue to monitor and patrol for spot fires on the northern portions of the fire, while firefighters on the southern and western sides of the fire repair forest roads, dozer lines, remove hazard trees along roads and return equipment no longer needed into the incident base. Smoke will remain in stringers of unburned fuels as fuels heat up.

The lightning-caused **Broadway Fire** is estimated at 38 acres and located approximately 3.8 miles west of Blackhall Mountain and approximately 4 miles east of Hog Park Reservoir in Wyoming. Firefighters are monitoring, assessing values at risk, and utilizing aerial resources to keep the fire in check.

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