



Beaver Creek Fire

August 18, 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:

36,915 acres (Current as of 9:00 am)

Containment:

47%

206 Firefighters:

2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 1 feller buncher, 1 excavator, 1 road grader, 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: The Beaver Creek Fire was active across several areas yesterday. On the southwestern corner of the fire, heavy smoke and flames were reported north of Helena bridge and continued to slowly spread into the Zirkel Wilderness. In the northwestern area, a fire spotted across Forest Service Road 408 within a dozer line. Additional line was added for containment, as well as using the feller-buncher near Forest Service Road 418 to create what firefighters are calling a "catcher's mitt", a backup contingency line to catch the fire should it burn across the road. Fire continued to creep into the drainage in the northeast section south of Forest Service Road 498. Firefighters have been able to make significant progress on road and hand line repair, especially in the Parson's Draw and Big Creek areas.

Weather: Today, winds should be from the southwest, with a chance of scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Winds are expected to transition mid-afternoon, coming from the north/northeast in advance of a cold front. This change in direction is an advantage, as it will blow the fire back into itself in the most active areas. Showers are forecast for this evening and tonight.

Today: Firefighters will monitor fire spread near Helena Bridge and nearby structures. Suppression repair is nearing completion on several key sections. Crews will continue to secure weak points in the fire line near Forest Service Road 498, as well as completing contingency line around the spot fire over Forest Service Road 408.

The **Broadway Fire** is 50 acres in size, down from original estimates due to more accurate mapping. The fire is 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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