

Fire Information: 970-329-1054
Web: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975>
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Information Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Silver Creek Fire



August 23, 2016 Daily Update

Community Meeting

Wednesday August 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Stage Coach Fire Station
23655 County Road 16
Oak Creek, CO

Closures & Advisories:

Visit the Silver Creek Fire Inciweb page:
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975/#>

Fire Size:

10 acres

Containment:

0%

Total Personnel:

45

Location:

Southeast of Stagecoach Reservoir/State Park

Started:

08/20/16

Management:

Western Slope Type 3 Incident Management Team

Summary:

The Silver Creek Fire gained about two acres yesterday, bringing the total to ten acres. Skies were cloudy most of the day and the temperature was a bit cooler. Some areas received rain yesterday but the fire received no precipitation. Fire crews reported that fire activity picked up by midafternoon with single and group tree torching which continued until 5:30 p.m., decreasing in frequency as the day progressed.

Firefighters continued working to complete structure assessments and will continue that project today. They are also developing contingency plans and identifying areas where firelines and fuel breaks could be built in protection of structures and other developments outside the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area.

Smoke settled in low lying areas last night, which will likely reoccur depending on weather wind dispersal conditions. The volume of fuel or timber burning is also a factor in the amount of smoke produced. When the amount of fuel burned increases the volume of smoke produced will also increase.

It's suggested that people with upper respiratory issues or smoke sensitivity should refrain from strenuous outdoor activities and keep windows closed on days when smoke is noticeable. See your physician if serious symptoms develop. Please drive with headlights on and slow down if smoke is visible on roads. Contact the Routt County Environmental Health for smoke related health information at 970-870-5588.

In the next couple days the Mesa Verde Helitack Module is planning to conduct a short haul proficiency check with their helicopter and crew. This proficiency check is required of pilots every 30 days. Short haul is a rescue technique used for medical emergencies that allows helicopters to pick up injured people in areas where landing a helicopter is not possible. A rescuer is flown in to pick up a patient using a long line. They load the patient in a soft body accommodating bag and both rescuer and patient are lifted out of the area. This rescue operation is utilized when other extraction options aren't possible. The short haul practice will take place south of the Stagecoach State Park off County Road 16 and is dependent of favorable weather conditions.

A reconnaissance flight is scheduled this morning to assess the fire's movement and observe fire behavior.



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