

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 24, 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 following web sites:
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975/#>
<http://bit.ly/2bFXD7>

Fire Size:

25 acres

Containment:

0%

Total Personnel:

50

Location:

Southeast of Stagecoach Reservoir/State
Park

Started:

08/20/16

Management:

Western Slope Type 3 Incident
Management Team

Summary:

Operation Section Chief Michael St. Martin, was able to determine a more accurate fire perimeter on the Silver Creek Fire during a reconnaissance flight using a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. The fire size is 25 acres with most of growth occurring yesterday.

Today the fire was observed creeping and smoldering with infrequent pockets of open flames. Firefighters are prepared to take aggressive suppression actions should the fire move out of the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area (SCWA) on to private land or threaten homes. It is too dangerous to put firefighters in the Wilderness to take direct suppression actions. The SCWA is a continuous bed of thick timber, spruce-fir, lodge pole pine and strings of Aspen, with the majority being beetle killed standing dead trees that can fall at any moment.

Firefighters completed the structure assessments yesterday. The Columbine Type 1 Wildland Fire Module will analyze and compile the collected data and develop a contingency plan for the area outside the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area. The goal is to keep the fire on the SCWA. The contingency plan will outline locations for fireline and fuel break placement and response actions in the unlikely event the fire would spread to private land and structures.

The six engines assigned to the Silver Creek Fire will patrol and actively monitor the fire today.

A Silver Creek Fire Area closure was issued late yesterday by the Yampa Ranger District on the Routt National Forest. The purpose of the Order (MBRTB-2016-YMP236) is to provide for public and firefighter safety due to the impacts of the wildland fire and associated fire incident management activities. The designated closure area was kept as small as possible in order to affect the least impact to public land users.

A community meeting is being held this evening, 6:30 p.m., at the Stagecoach fire station, 23655 County Road 16, to provide Silver Creek Fire related information including the status of the fire and long term expectations.

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