

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 26, 2016 Daily Update

Summary:

Closures & Advisories:

Visit the following web sites:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4975/#>
<http://bit.ly/2bFXD7>

Fire Size:

30 acres

Containment:

0%

Total Personnel:

47

Location:

Southeast of Stagecoach Reservoir/State Park

Started:

08/20/16

Management:

Western Slope Type 3 Incident Management Team

The Silver Creek Fire grew to 30 acres yesterday. Cloudy, cool conditions have reduced fire activity to creeping and moving slowly east with intermittent single tree torching. This weather pattern is predicted to last through Saturday with warmer, sunny conditions returning by Monday.

With warm temperatures, fire activity is expected to increase with smoke becoming more visible.

Structure assessments have been completed for the homes immediately west of the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Area. A wildfire fire response plan is now in place that depicts where firelines and fuel breaks can be constructed for protection of residences, private land and other values in the event of wildland fire outside of federal land.

Fire is part of the western landscape and is nature's way of clearing dead and diseased trees to allow regeneration of new timber. The Silver Creek Fire is burning in a mosaic pattern, leaving unburned trees or fuel interspersed with burned areas. This will diversify the age of the forest making it more resilient and healthy. "The low intensity burn we're seeing resembles the level of fire we strive for on prescribed burns for forest health," said Incident Commander Lathan Johnson. "The burned area will act as a fuel break for future wildfires, slowing a fire's advance."

Being aware of fire-safe practices and defensible space standards is a must for homeowners living in fire prone areas. Colorado State Forest Service provides a wide variety of information and service addressing defensible space, fire resistant vegetation and home assessments. Wildland fire material is available on line at: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/>.

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