



Beaver Creek Fire

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Beaver Creek At a Glance...

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

The Beaver Creek 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.

Fire Size: 37,403 acres Containment: 53%

Resources:

250 Personnel, 2 crews, 13 engines, 2 dozers, 1 masticator, 4 helicopters, 4 water tenders

Hunting and Closure Information:

Hunters can access the closure order and a map of public lands that are closed on the Inciweb:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/4797/32317>

For all other hunting questions contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife at (970) 819-3150 and Wyoming Game and Fish at (307) 745-4046.



Beaver Creek Fire Update

As part of Friday's operations, firefighters cleaned up the hillsides above residences on the east side of the fire by bringing low intensity fire down the slopes and keeping the fire cool with water drops from helicopters. As the fire backs down, it is consuming dead and down fuels creating a more secure control line. Weather changes may increase fire behavior in the next few days but there is no threat to structures as a result of the burning operation.

Suppression repair is continuing on the south side of the fire as firefighters work to help restore the landscape damaged during the active phase of firefighting when fire lines were created by hand, digging down to mineral soil to create fire breaks, and bulldozers constructed fire lines mechanically. Engines are patrolling and responding to smoke reports, as pockets of unburned fuels ignite in the heat of the day and create visible smoke.

As conditions and activities evolve on the fire, resources will be reassigned to different locations and duties as needed.

Friday was the last day of moist and cool conditions. Areas to the south of the fire received from .002 to .10 of an inch of rain last night, but the next several days into mid-week will see a return to warmer and drier weather. Less cloud cover will allow fuels to dry out and be more susceptible to burning. Temperatures are predicted to be about 5 degrees above normal for this time of year and relative humidities will be down to 15%. Isolated areas of smoke are more likely to develop through this period.

Broadway Fire Update

There was minimal fire activity on the Broadway Fire on Friday. Work on the 496 road west of the fire is progressing. About 10 truckloads of timber have been removed from the area as a result of a partnership between the fire and a logging company that has been operating in the area. The road is being prepared as a fire break if the fire should move toward the west. The progression of the fire to the north and east is being held in check by helicopter water drops. With the change to warmer and drier weather anticipated, west/southwest winds are expected to continue to push the fire to the east. The Broadway Fire is now 246 acres.

The Broadway Fire reported its first injury on Friday. A firefighter sustained a relatively minor chainsaw cut to his leg but is doing fine.

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