



Silver Creek Fire Update

Tuesday
September 20, 2016



Current Status: Increased fire activity and smoke was reported on the Silver Creek Fire over the last two days. The fire still remains entirely in the Sarvis Creek Wilderness. The latest Multi-Mission Aircraft flight (MMA) from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has recorded an increase in 142 acres of fire-consumed wilderness, for a total of 464 acres. An expanded closure remains in effect including significant portions of the Sarvis Creek Trail #1105. The Silver Creek Trail #1106 will remain open at this time. Please refer to the closure restrictions found near the bottom of this update.

Our fire units were busy on Sunday responding to two separate fires located in the Routt National Forest. One engine was dispatched to the Heavenly Daze ski run located on Mt. Werner. This fire, dubbed the “Heavenly Run Fire” was approximately 1/10 of an acre of shrub and grassland on the slope and was reported contained by units on September 19th.

On Sunday September 18th, an engine that was assigned to the Silver Creek Fire responded to an improperly extinguished campfire near the Sarvis Creek Trailhead off of the 100 roadway. The fire consumed approximately 1/10 of an acre of beetle kill lodgepole pine, spruce and fir; the fire has now been controlled. Our units are continually monitoring conditions while simultaneously patrolling areas to observe new fire activity. Don’t let carelessness be the cause of a devastating wildfire. Please control your campfires and make sure they are completely extinguished!

Fire information will not be dispersed on a daily basis, but will be updated as conditions change.

Planned Events: All four type 6 engines will continue patrolling nearby subdivisions and roadways.

Fire Weather: Moisture returns to the area today as it streams up from the southwest thanks to tropical storm ‘Paine’. An upper level disturbance will also move over the area today, allowing some showers and a few isolated storms mainly over southern areas of the fire. A few gusty afternoon winds are expected up north today causing a few hours of critical fire weather conditions; this will be short-lived and will also cover a small area. The next weather pattern to watch will be a cold front that will move through the area Thursday into Friday bringing gusty winds...rain...and thunderstorms...and some snowfall for higher elevations.

A smoke forecast from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment can be found at:
http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colo_smoke.aspx

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Start Date.....August 20
Acres.....464
Percent Contained....0%
Total Firefighters... 19
Engines.....4

Closures & Restrictions: A temporary closure remains in effect for sections of the west boundary of Sarvis Creek Wilderness, north of Silver Creek in 6th P.M., T3N, R84W, portions of sections 11, 13 and all of section 12; T3N, R83W, sections 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14, 15, 16, 17, 18; T3N, R82W, sections 6 and 7 and that portion of section 5 and 8 up to the western boundary of the NFSR 100 (Red Dirt); totaling 11,040 acres. NFSR 100 and the Silver Creek Trail remain open at this time.

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