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Area Closure in Sarvis Creek Wilderness Lifted for Silver Creek Fire

(YAMPA, Colo.) Nov. 4, 2016 – Recent moisture and cloud cover in south Routt County has cooled much of the Silver Creek Fire, enabling the Routt National Forest to lift the area closure that has been in effect since late August in the Sarvis Creek Wilderness.

The public may access and use the area, however, the Silver Creek Fire may still be active. Most of the burn area has cooled, but the fire may still be burning in thick timber stands north of Silver Creek Trail #1106. Smoke has not been visible for several weeks.

Forest staff will continue to monitor the fire as it remains in patrol status and has not been declared fully controlled (out).

Caution is urged in burned areas, as trees may have been weakened by the fire and could easily fall. The burn area will have many ‘snags,’ or standing dead trees that are fire weakened and highly unstable, especially in high winds.

The Silver Creek Fire was ignited by lightning August 20 and burned 469 acres, all in designated wilderness.

Along with three other extended fires on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests (Beaver Creek, Broadway, Snake), the Silver Creek Fire is not expected to be declared controlled until there is a season-ending snow event. Season-ending can be defined as significant snow expected to remain on the ground for the season.

Minimal closures remain in effect on the afore-mentioned fires and are listed below.

Beaver Creek Fire (north Jackson County, Colo.) – The BLM Colorado area closure remains in effect and is unchanged. Two trailheads/trails on National Forest System lands, within the Routt National Forest in Colorado remain closed.

- Forest Trail 1124 (Beaver Creek Trail) from its origin at the Beaver Creek Trailhead to its junction with Forest Trail 1151 (Buffalo Ridge/Davis Peak Trail)
- Forest Trail 1125 (Seven Lakes Trail) from its origin at the Seven Lakes Trailhead in Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area to its junction with Forest Trail 1151

Broadway Fire (south Carbon County, Wyo.) - Forest Road 409 will remain closed to motorized travel until next spring, south from its junction with Forest Road 404 to its terminus on Blackhall Mountain.

Additional information on the Beaver Creek, Broadway, Snake, and Silver Creek Fires can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.

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