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Two Fires Start on Routt National Forest, Camp Creek and South Fork

(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) July 23, 2014 – Small fires were discovered in both the Pinkham area and Mount Zirkel Wilderness on the Routt National Forest, Tuesday afternoon, July 22.

The Pinkham area fire, named the Camp Creek Fire, was fully contained as of Wednesday morning. Jackson County and U.S. Forest Service crews caught the fire during initial attack and limited its spread to 12 acres.

Camp Creek Fire was located about a half mile south of the Colorado/Wyoming state line, approximately 20 miles due north of Walden, Colo. A single-engine air tanker, as well as a county dozer contributed to the early success of crews on Tuesday, while a Type I helicopter is working the fire Wednesday.

The South Fork Fire is in designated Wilderness about 15 miles northeast of Steamboat Springs on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District and is approximately four acres in size. The fire is burning primarily in heavy, beetle-killed timber on steep east-facing slope of the South Fork Elk River Drainage. There is no estimated containment at this time.

Storm Peak Fire Module from Steamboat Springs is in command of the South Fork Fire, which is near Seedhouse in Routt County, approximately one mile south of the North Lake Trailhead.

Due to the extremely rough terrain, crews will not be sent into the immediate fire area. The Forest Service will employ a contain/confine management strategy using natural features and points of opportunity to suppress. A Type III helicopter has been ordered and the fire is surrounded by rock fields on three sides.

An area closure is being put in place for Wolverine Basin and that closure includes North Lake Trail (Forest Trail 1164). Campers and hikers are being asked to leave the area.

Crews will not engage the fire, rather will patrol and clear recreationists from area trails.

Firefighter and public safety are the highest priority in both incidents.

The cause of the Camp Creek fire is unknown, while it is suspected that the South Fork Fire is lightning caused.

As information becomes available, updates will be provided by Public Affairs staff from the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter on InciWeb.nwcg.gov. Information will also be posted on Twitter at: **@MBRNFsTBNG**, hashtag **#CampCreekFire** and **#SouthForkFire**.

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