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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Thunder Basin National Grassland

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Coulton Creek Fire containment expected this evening

(Steamboat Springs, Colo.) – The Coulton Creek Fire is about 8 acres, burning northwest of Hinman Park on the Routt National Forest. It's off the Coulton Creek Road (Forest Road 429) and burning in mixed spruce/fir aspen and grass. No structures are threatened and there are no road closures in effect due to the fire. A 20-person Hotshot crew, a local engine and squad, and one helicopter are working on the fire today. The helicopter is dropping water from a nearby beaver pond. Fire management strategy is full suppression of the fire.

The fire was human-caused, probably a campfire about ½ mile from the Coulton Creek Road, according to Sam Duerksen, assistant fire management officer.

"We're having record hot, dry conditions," Duerksen said, "People really need to be careful with campfires. And don't park vehicles in grass because hot tailpipes can start fires."

The Beaver Flat Fire, south of Hayden was contained on Friday and is expected to be fully controlled this evening.

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