



# Great Basin National Incident Management Team 1

# Junkins Fire

October 21, 2016, Update

## Fire Size:

17,809 acres

## Containment:

33%

## Resources:

17 Hand Crews, 4 Single Engine Air Tankers, 3 Heavy Air Tankers, 6 Helicopters, 22 Engines, 5 Water Tenders

## Total Personnel:

524

## Location:

11 Miles East of Westcliffe,  
Colorado

## Started:

10/17/2016 0356 MDT

## Cause:

Downed Power Line as a  
result of a Wind Event

## Management:

Great Basin National Incident  
Management Team

## For more information:

## Follow us on Twitter:

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## On Facebook:

facebook.com/JunkinsFire/

## See our InciWeb post:

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5071/>

## Call the Information Line:

719-283-1710

The Junkins Fire is now 33% contained and the outlook is favorable for continued improvement. Good weather and additional fire fighting resources have helped and more fire fighters will be on the lines today. A combination of retardant and water drops, fire fighters digging fire line, burn-out operations and terrain features, have all contributed to the increase in containment. And while rising temperatures and lower humidities over the next several days are a concern, fire managers are optimistic about further progress today and over the weekend.

Firefighters have concentrated on the southeastern and western most portions of the line to prevent any further spread towards Beulah or subdivisions in Custer County. Fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, including two Blackhawks from the Colorado National Guard, are being used to hit hot spots and reinforce fire lines. Burn-out operations around structures on the southeast side have also strengthened fire lines.

Success on the fire lines allowed for the re-opening of Highway 96 between Wetmore and McKenzie Junction and the lifting of some evacuations. Highway 165 remains closed from McKenzie Junction south to Ophir Creek Road. Additionally the national forest closure area has been reduced, with all areas west of Highway 165 now open. Complete closure and evacuation information is on Inciweb at: <http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5071/> and at the websites listed below. Remaining evacuation areas will be evaluated today and if the Custer County Sheriff makes any changes, we will post those on Inciweb, Facebook and Twitter.

A public meeting will be held **tonight** at 7:00 p.m. at Florence High School, 2006 Highway 67.

## Links for additional information:

Custer County: <http://www.custercountygov.com/>  
Pueblo County: <http://www.puebloemergency.info>  
Freemont County: <http://www.fremontco.com/>

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