

Cameron Peak Fire East Troublesome Fire - Thompson Zone



Update – Saturday, November 7, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPNA6qSJC2UYKz68rp9etvA

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6964/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CameronPeakFire>

Cameron Peak Fire Size: 208,913 acres **Containment:** 92% **Start Date:** Aug. 13, 2020 **Cause:** Under Investigation **Personnel:** 619
Thompson Zone Size: 4,889 acres **Containment:** 48% **Start Date:** Oct. 22, 2020 **Cause:** Spot Fire

Yesterday, firefighting efforts focused on the areas west of Cedar Park near Galuchie Gulch. Crews successfully improved the fire's edge where hot spots were detected. The North Fork Trail slopover has shown minimal heat after three days of persistent aviation work. The Pingree area saw increased activity and some single tree torching. Crews monitored the area and will continue to assess for the need of helicopter water drops. In the Buckhorn Ridge area, fire personnel patrolled the fire perimeter and extinguished hotspots. In the Thompson Zone, hand crews accessed areas of concern to strengthen the containment line and monitored for any fire progression near Beaver Mountain. Resources in the north area of Cameron Peak Fire and on the east side of the Thompson Zone continued to patrol and monitor lines, backhaul equipment, and carry on suppression repair efforts.

Today as gusty winds continue, smoke may be visible in areas where heavy concentrations of fuel continue to burn within both fire perimeters. Smoke will be visible until a season-ending event occurs, as interior pockets of fuel continue to smolder. Aviation resources will be available to perform reconnaissance flights and drop buckets of water on hot spots, if needed and as weather conditions allow. Crews will focus suppression efforts where heat is being detected in the Pingree Park area.

Fire personnel will be expanding suppression repair efforts into new areas as more fire line becomes secured. There are currently 21 pieces of heavy equipment working on suppression repair efforts naturalizing over 105 miles of dozer line, 20 miles of handline and 72 miles of roads across both fires.

CLOSURES: National Forest System lands on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District are closed, but changes expected tomorrow.

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests closures: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/arp/alerts-notice/?aid=60887>

Some areas of Rocky Mountain National Park have reopened: <https://www.nps.gov/romo/learn/fire-information-and-regulations.htm>

Larimer County evacuations and road closures: <https://nocoalert.org>

RESOURCES: 10 handcrews, 15 engines, 4 helicopters, 2 UAS (unmanned aircraft systems), 2 dozers and 3 water tenders

WEATHER: Wind continues today as a storm system approaches that will bring potential for light rain and some snow late Saturday night into Sunday morning. Best chances of snow will be near the divide (3-5 inches at higher elevations), but there is potential for at least some snow across most of the fire. Another system moves through Monday bringing another chance of light snow. Temperatures will only be in the upper 20s into the 30s starting tomorrow, through most of the week. For information on smoke and air quality visit: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colo_smoke.aspx.

Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR): A TFR is in place over the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome Fires. **Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't.** Whenever a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of the area. For more information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

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