Cameron Peak Fire
Update – Monday, December 7, 2020, 9a.m.

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- Fire Information: 970-541-1008
- Email: 2020.cameronpeak@firenet.gov
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPNA6qSJC2UYKz68rp9etvA
- InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6964/
- BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) dedicated InciWeb page: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7210/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CameronPeakFire

Size: 208,913 acres   Containment: 100%   Start Date: Aug. 13, 2020   Cause: Under Investigation

Special Notes: As operational tempo slows and assigned resources are reduced, there are fewer developments or new activities to report about the Cameron Peak Fire. Thus, this will be the second-to-last written update for the fire, unless there are significant changes to report. We will publish the last one tomorrow, December 8. We will send updates if there are any new developments. We know that fire information has become an important resource for the community; our Facebook will remain in place and, while reduced, will still maintain some activity. We still welcome your questions or comments.

Current Situation: The Type 3 Incident Management team is in the process of minimizing resources to only local crews and equipment. This is in effect to allow the local unit (Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests) to assume management of all fire-related activities. As more work is completed, more resources will be able to go home in time for the holiday season. After the Type 3 team is disbanded, the local Type 4 organization will be able to manage the fire’s needs without any outside assistance.

Yesterday, the Suppression Group scouted some of the more remote areas of the fire to ensure there was no leftover equipment. They also patrolled where the most recent heat signatures were found, and most of the area is cold except for the remaining smoldering fen north of CSU Mountain Campus. Fire managers anticipate no further spread from this source. The Fuels Group is making good progress in the northwest and will plan to remove more heavy equipment before snow arrives.

These two groups will be conducting the same activities today, and administrative staff will continue their efforts to complete all necessary paperwork.

Closures:
- The Deadman Road/County Road 86 remains closed. The road is very slick, and our crews and equipment are working here. Added traffic and potential slide-offs endanger the lives of our firefighters. Please respect the closure.
- Cameron Peak Fire closure areas were reduced in 12/4/20. Please see Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests closures: https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/arp/alerts-notices
- Rocky Mountain National Park: https://www.nps.gov/romo/learn/fire-information-and-regulations.htm
- Larimer County road closures: https://nocoalert.org

Advisories:
- Please do not fly drones over the fire where helicopters are working. Remember, “If you fly, we can’t!”
- Please respect road closures. Traffic on closed roads creates safety hazards for firefighters and other vehicles.

Weather: Skies will be clear today with light winds from the west (western side of the fire) at 5-10 mph, gusts to 20 mph. East side winds will be light and terrain driven. Temps will be 20-35 depending on elevation - minimum humidity 40-60% above 8000 ft., 25-35% below 8000 ft. Near critical fire weather conditions are expected Tuesday into Wednesday due to very low daytime humidity and poor overnight recoveries. A cold front pushes down late Wednesday night for much colder temperatures through the weekend. There is a chance for light snow and strong northwesterly winds Thursday to Saturday with minimal accumulation.

Repair: Please email questions regarding needed suppression repairs on state and private lands to oem@larimer.org.

Debris disposal: For updates on Larimer County Landfill closures and changes to restrictions, text Fire Debris to 56525, visit www.larimer.org/solidwaste or call (970) 498-5760.

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