

# Cameron Peak Fire

Update – Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 9 a.m.

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- Fire Information: 970-541-1008
- Email: [2020.cameronpeak@firenet.gov](mailto:2020.cameronpeak@firenet.gov)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCPNA6qSJC2UYKz68rp9etvA](https://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:** This will be the last written update for the Cameron Peak Fire unless there are significant changes or developments to report. We know that access to information remains important to the community. Our Facebook is still in place and, while reduced, will still maintain some activity. We still welcome your questions and comments, and we greatly appreciate the abundance of support you have shown all the teams on the Cameron Peak Fire. A happy holiday season to you all.

There is a **Red Flag Warning** for the fire area today from 9am to 6pm because of windy conditions and extremely low humidity (single digits) combined with instability in the atmosphere. Please use caution with any sources of heat or flame.

**Current Situation:** Yesterday afternoon, Cameron Peak Fire crews responded to a new fire start in the Cedar Park area. (This was NOT a spot fire from the Cameron Peak Fire.) The “Wren Fire” was approximately ¼ acre in size. Smoke was visible for a short time. Firefighters quickly built control line around the fire, suppressed it, and called it contained within a few hours. As mentioned above, there are critical fire weather conditions today. We ask all residents and visitors to use extreme caution while recreating or while mitigating and cleaning up their properties. Please consider delaying any use of open flame, welding or other spark-causing equipment, exploding ammunition, or any sources of combustion until conditions improve.

The Type 3 Incident Management team continues to right-size the organization to fit the current needs of the fire. By the weekend, nearly all remaining resources will be local ones. After the Type 3 team is disbanded, the local Type 4 organization from the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests will be able to manage the fire’s needs without any outside assistance. Today, the Suppression Group will monitor and patrol, staying prepared to respond to any new fire starts given current fire weather conditions. The Fuels Group remains hard at work removing downed fuels northwest of the fire. Long travel times and fewer daylight hours mean limited time to safely accomplish tasks; there are still many weeks of work in this area. Several groups of managers and administrative staff remain to complete logistical and facilities related tasks, financial paperwork, equipment tracking, and overall documentation of fire activities.

## Closures:

- The Deadman Road/County Road 86 remains closed. Crews and equipment are working here. **Please respect the closure.**
- Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests closures: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/arp/alerts-notice>
- 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:** Temperatures will be warm today at 42-54 above 8000 ft, 54-64 below 8000 ft. Overnight humidity recoveries were extremely poor; today’s humidity could dip as low as 6%. There will be windy conditions with gusts from the west at 20 to 30 mph. The combination of instability, dryness and wind brings critical fire weather conditions to the fire area, especially along south and west facing slopes where snow cover is least. Warm, dry conditions continue Wednesday. A cold front will push in early Thursday morning for much colder temperatures through the weekend. There will be a chance for light snow, and stronger northwesterly winds Thursday through Saturday, with minimal snowfall amounts.

**Repair:** Please email questions regarding needed suppression repairs on state and private lands to [oem@larimer.org](mailto:oem@larimer.org).

**Debris disposal:** Text Fire Debris to 56525 or visit [www.larimer.org/solidwaste](http://www.larimer.org/solidwaste) or call (970) 498-5760.